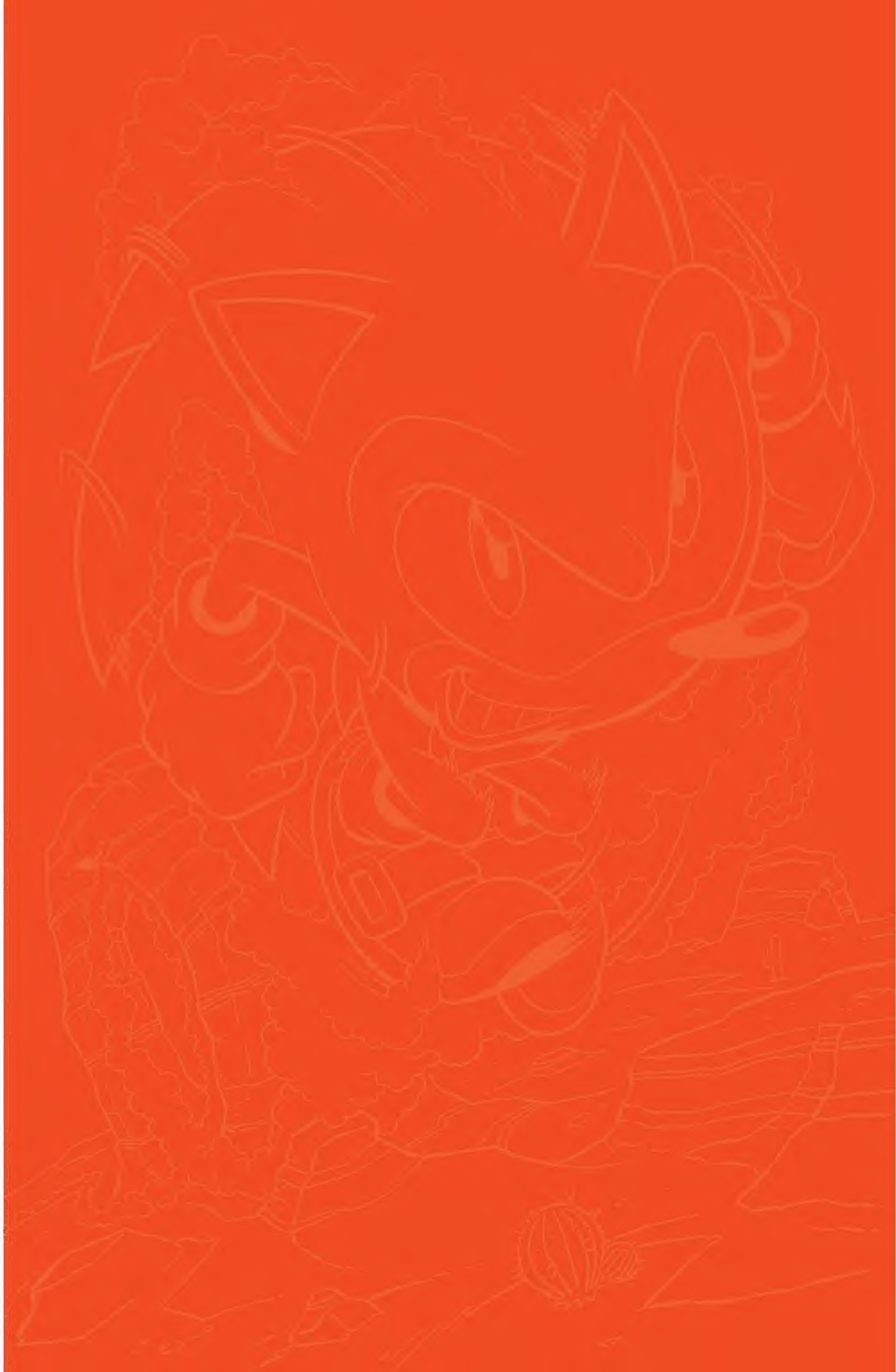




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IAN FLYNN

Hey, Sonic fans! This is Ian Flynn, Sonic scribe on Sonic the Hedgehog since #160, most of Sonic Universe, and half of Sonic X, give or take. I've written about some hedgehogs in my time.

I was first introduced to Sonic through the SEGA Genesis games, and then I got into the series following the adventures of Knuckles and the Chaotix. Back then they were way cooler than Sonic in my mind (and I'm still a little biased – shhh!) I've been reading the comic since the early '90s, and now I get to write it. How cool is that?!

I picked out "Mecha Madness" because it's one of my all-time personal favorites. Spaz's artwork sets a new standard for the comic, and Mike Gallagher's story was hilarious, intense and touching all in one go. I hope one day I can tell a story as engaging and enduring as this one!

Now, obviously, the big draw to the story is the multi-round fight with Mecha Sonic and the awesome souped-up roboticized designs for Sonic and Knuckles. But this story is important in a lot of other ways. It showed us Sonic is still bound by law. It gave us rules on how roboticization works, and gave us a window into Sonic's special connection with the power rings. Mecha Sonic would become the blueprints for the Silver Sonic series, and we got more insight into the past between Sally and Knuckles. All more excellent reasons why this is some of the Best of Sonic!

Ian Flynn

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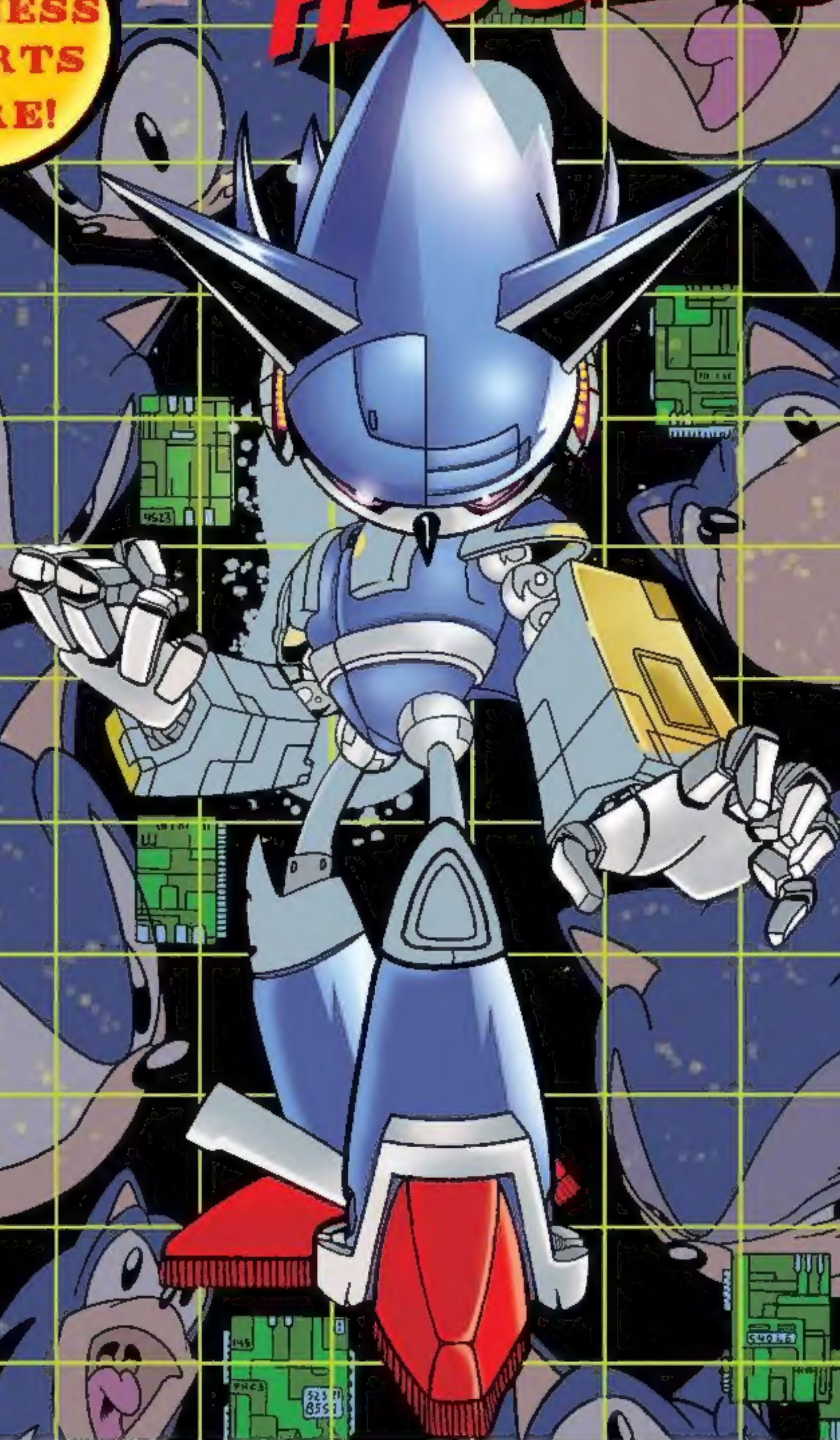
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**MECHA
MADNESS
STARTS
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RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

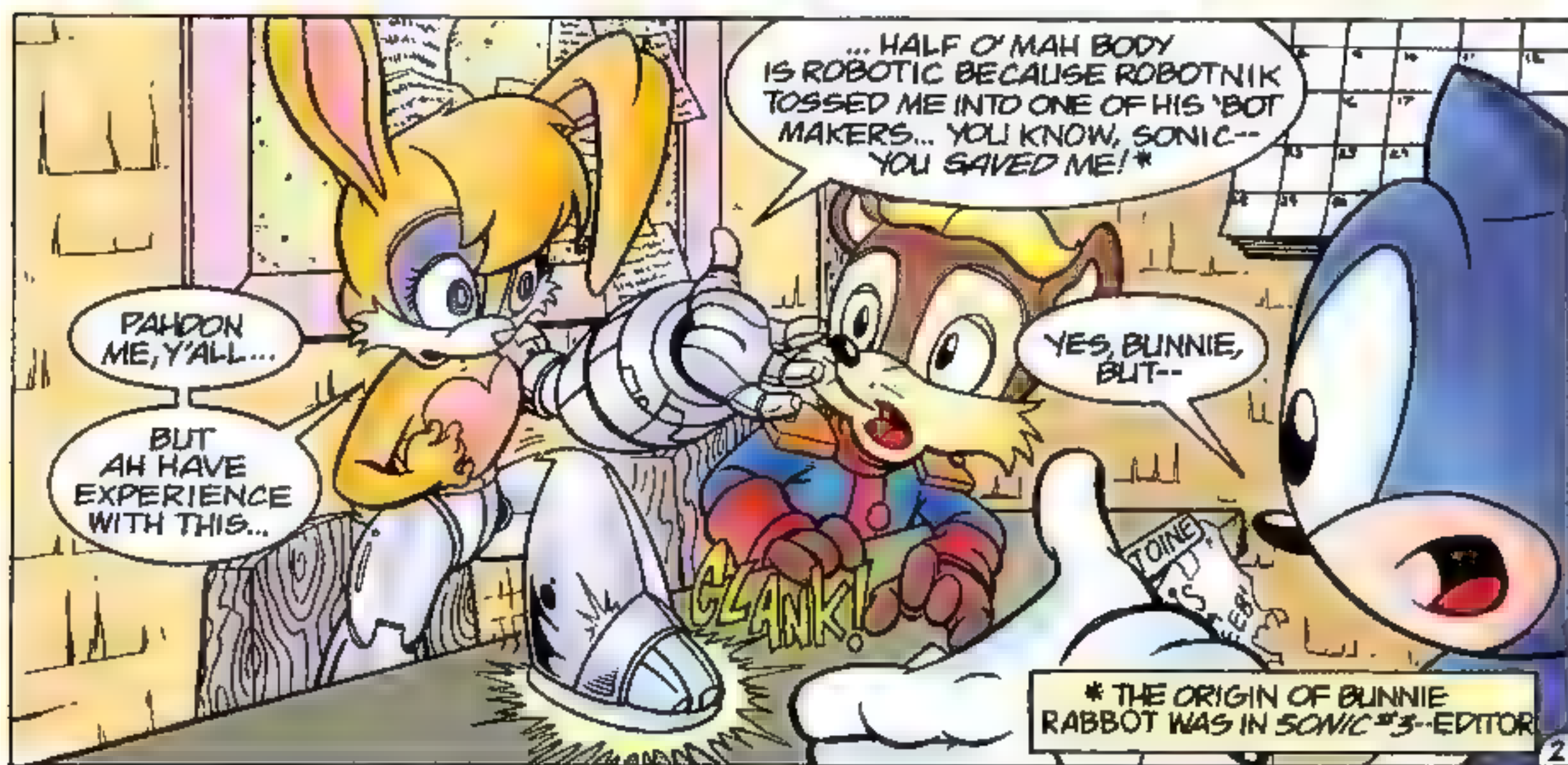
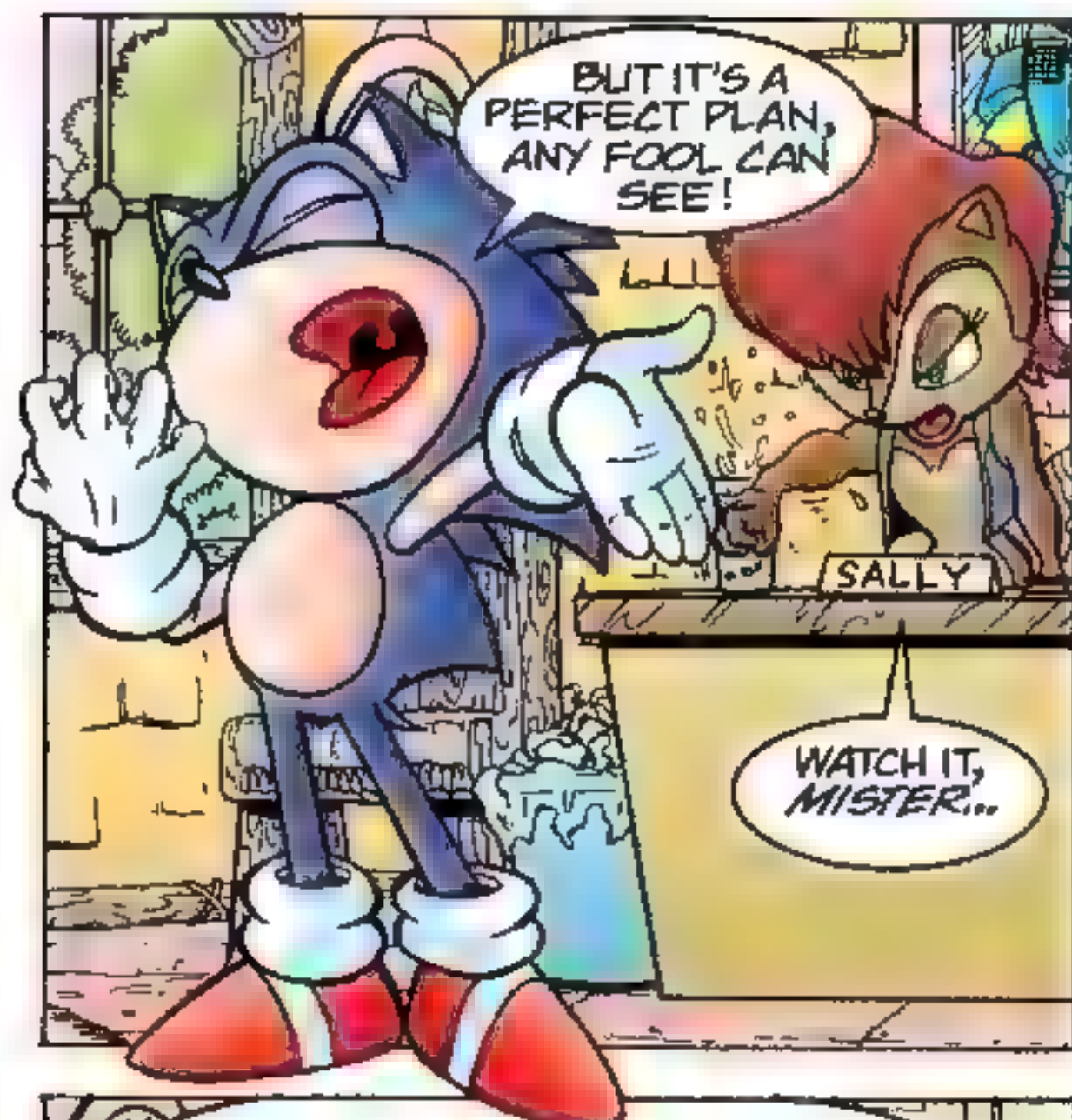
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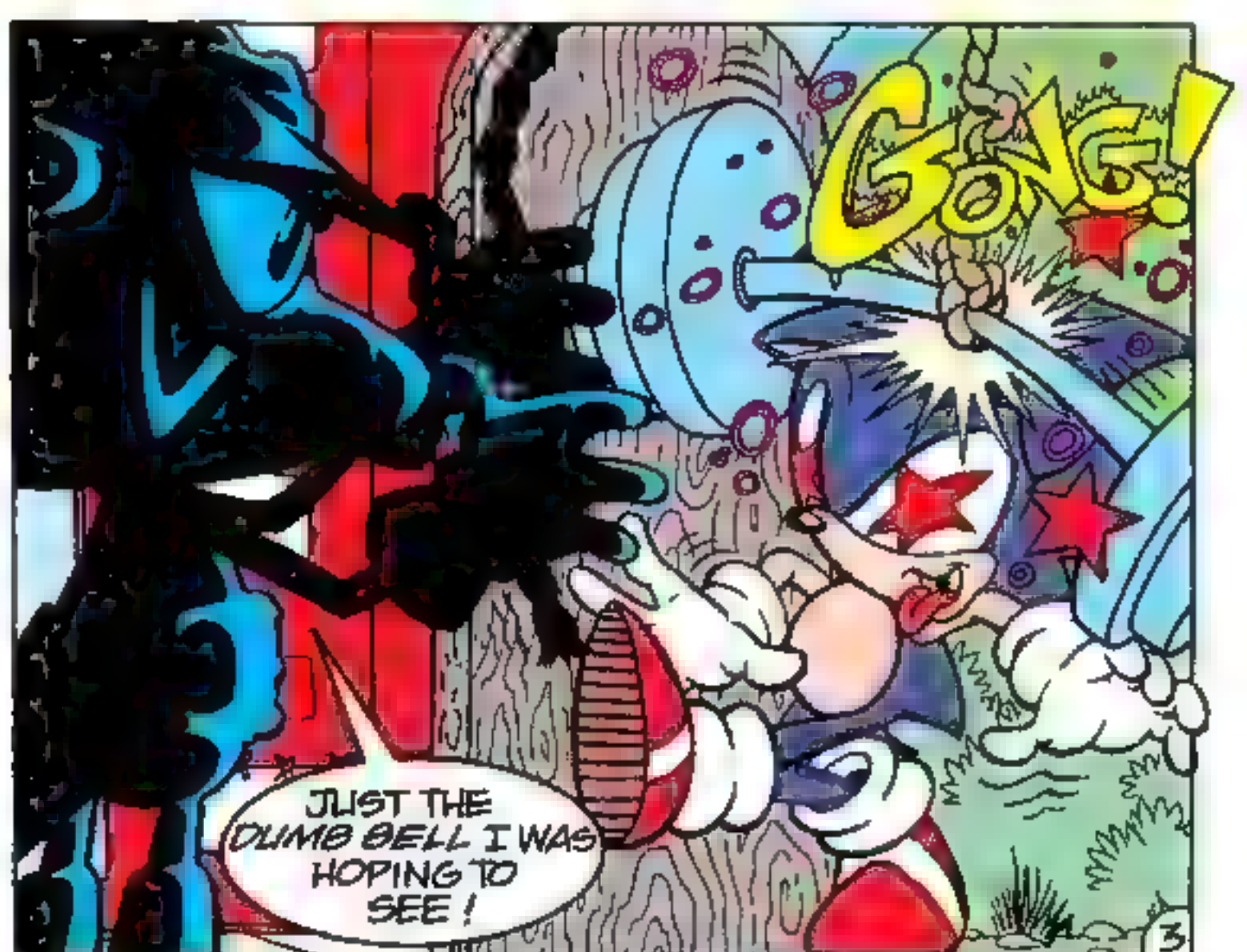
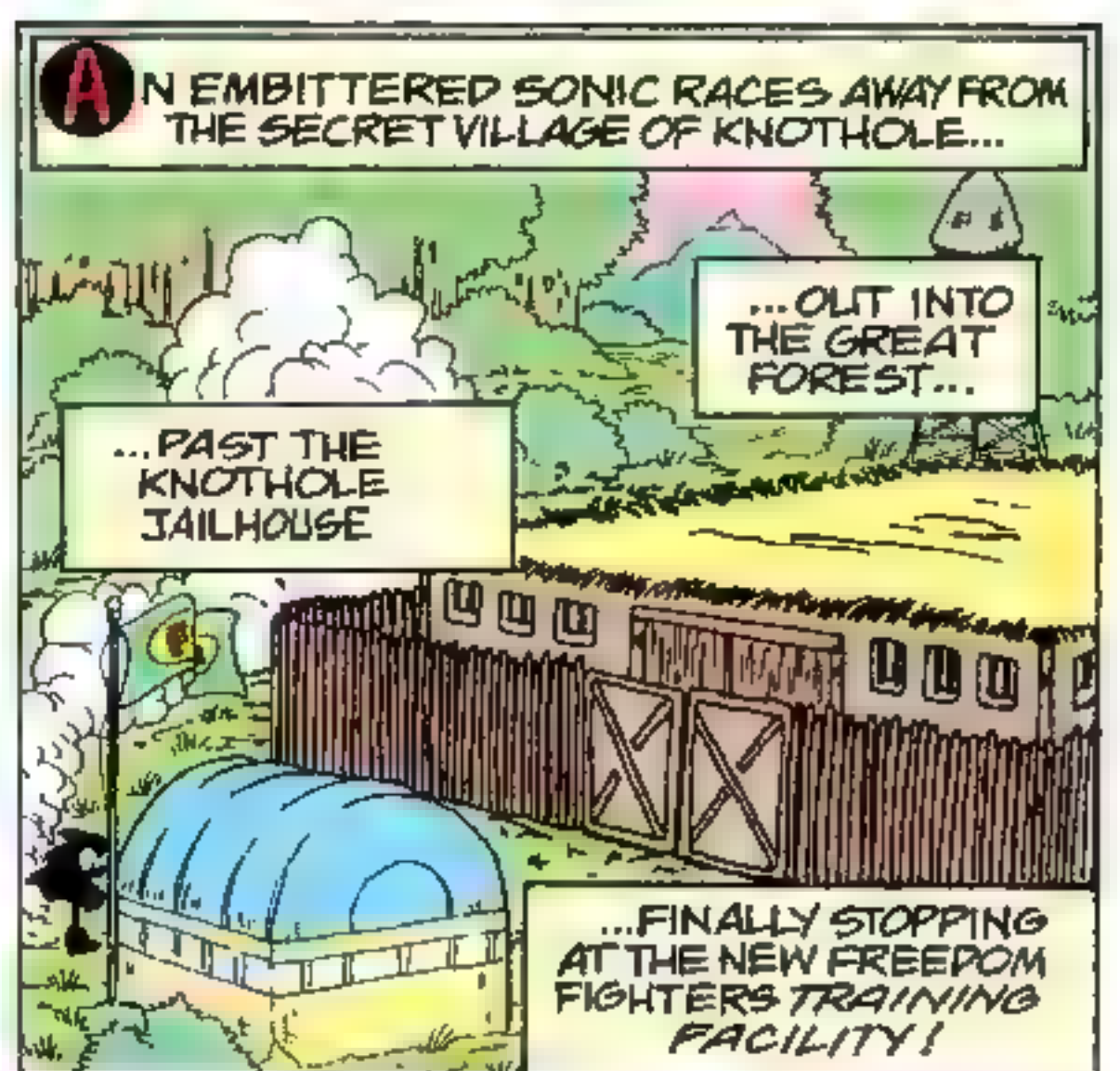
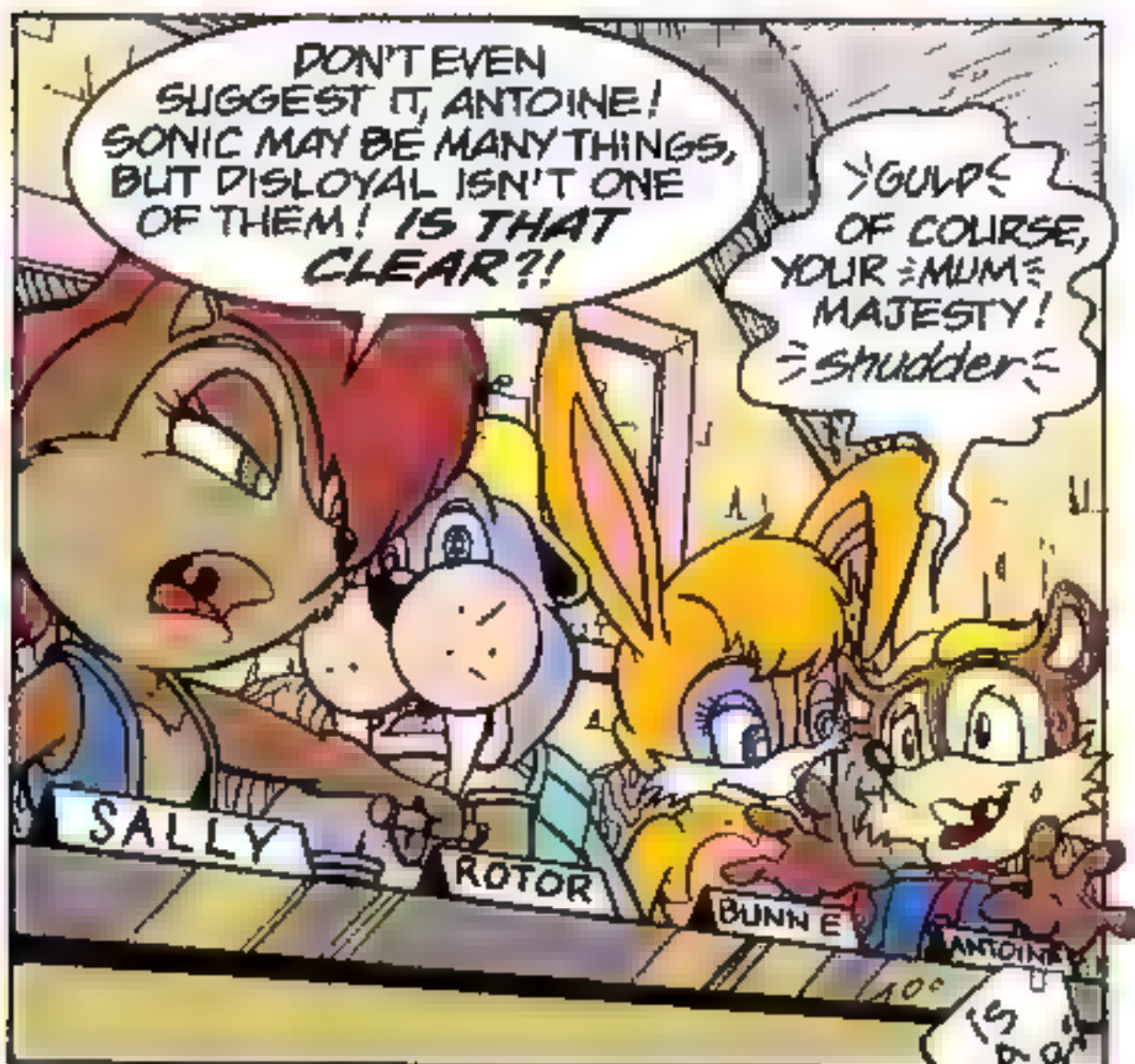
WILL COME TO
ORDER! SORRY YOUR
REQUEST WAS DENIED, BUT
THAT'S DEMOCRACY IN
ACTION!

TSK! MUST
HE GO INTO A SONIC
SPIN?

SALLY

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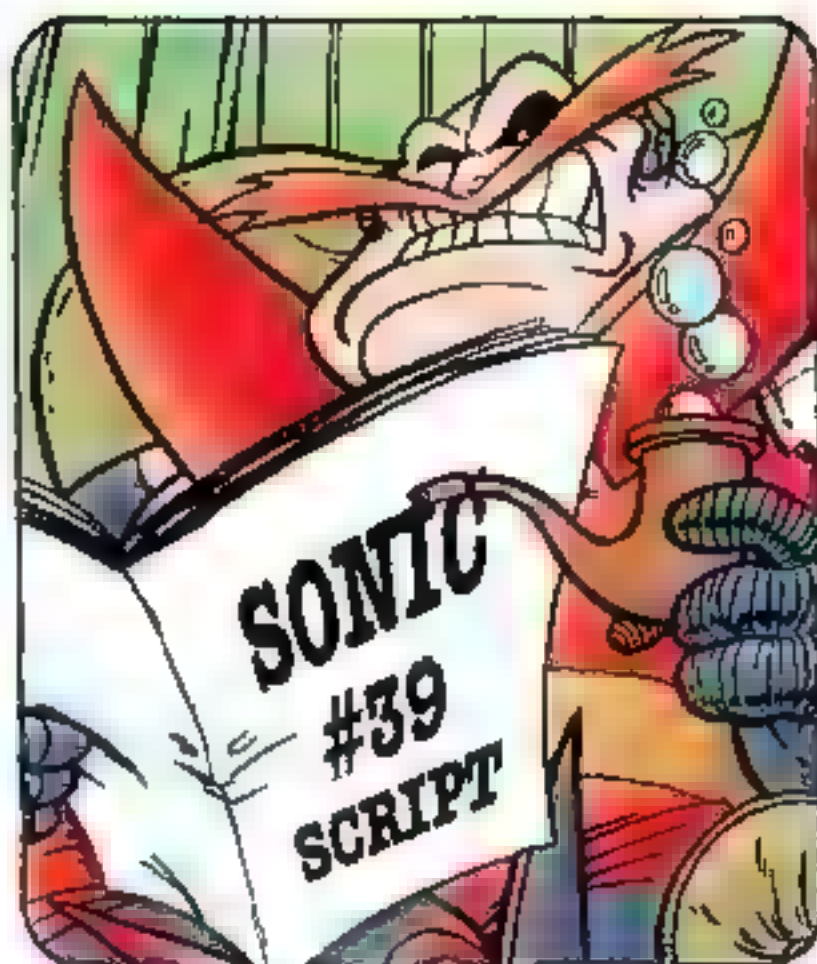








Masterbot Theatre



AH, WELCOME BACK, GENTLE READER... NOW, WHERE WERE WE ?

AH, YES... THE RENEGADE BOUNTY HUNTER *NACK THE WEASEL* HAD CAPTURED SONIC...

... AND HE SOON DELIVERED THE HATED HEDGEHOG TO HIS *SNICKER!* DOOM !

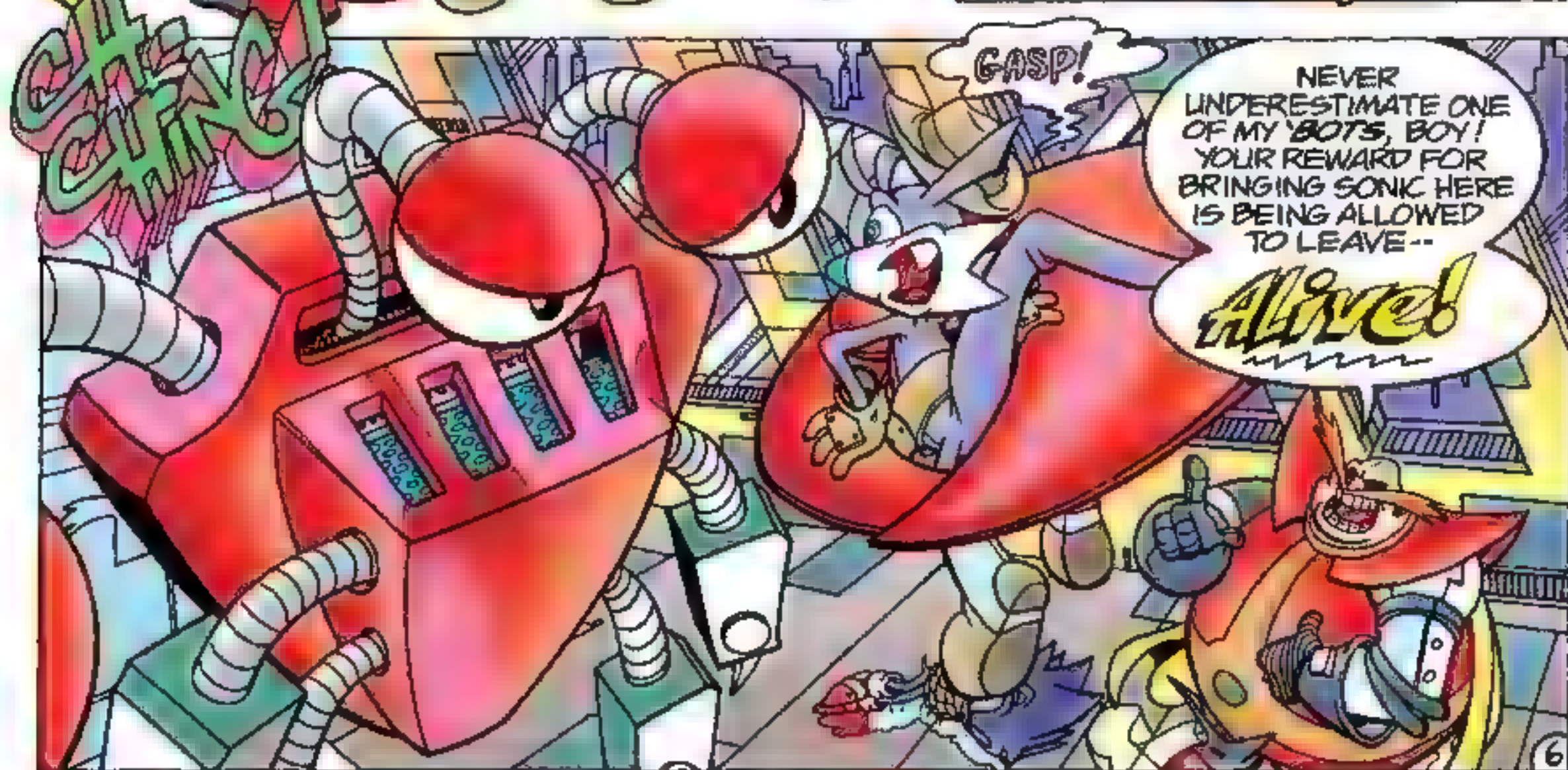
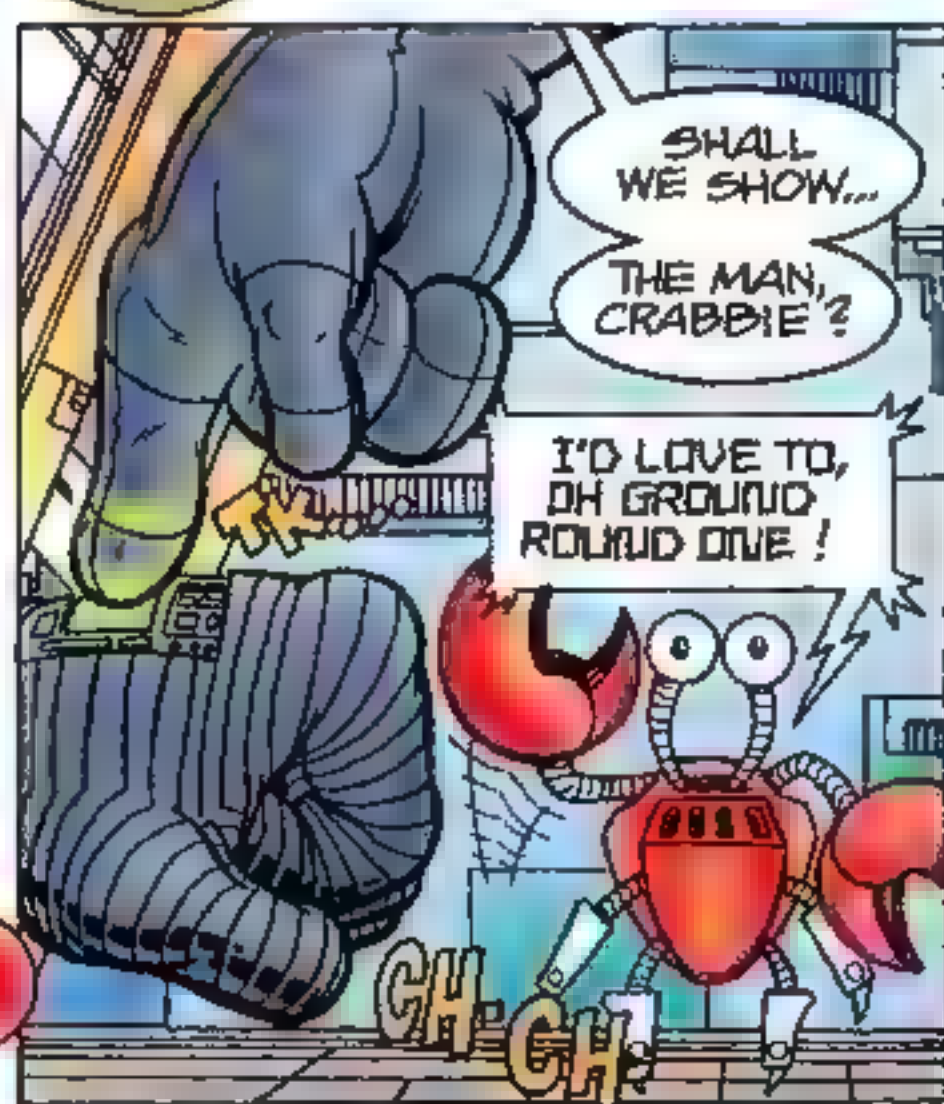
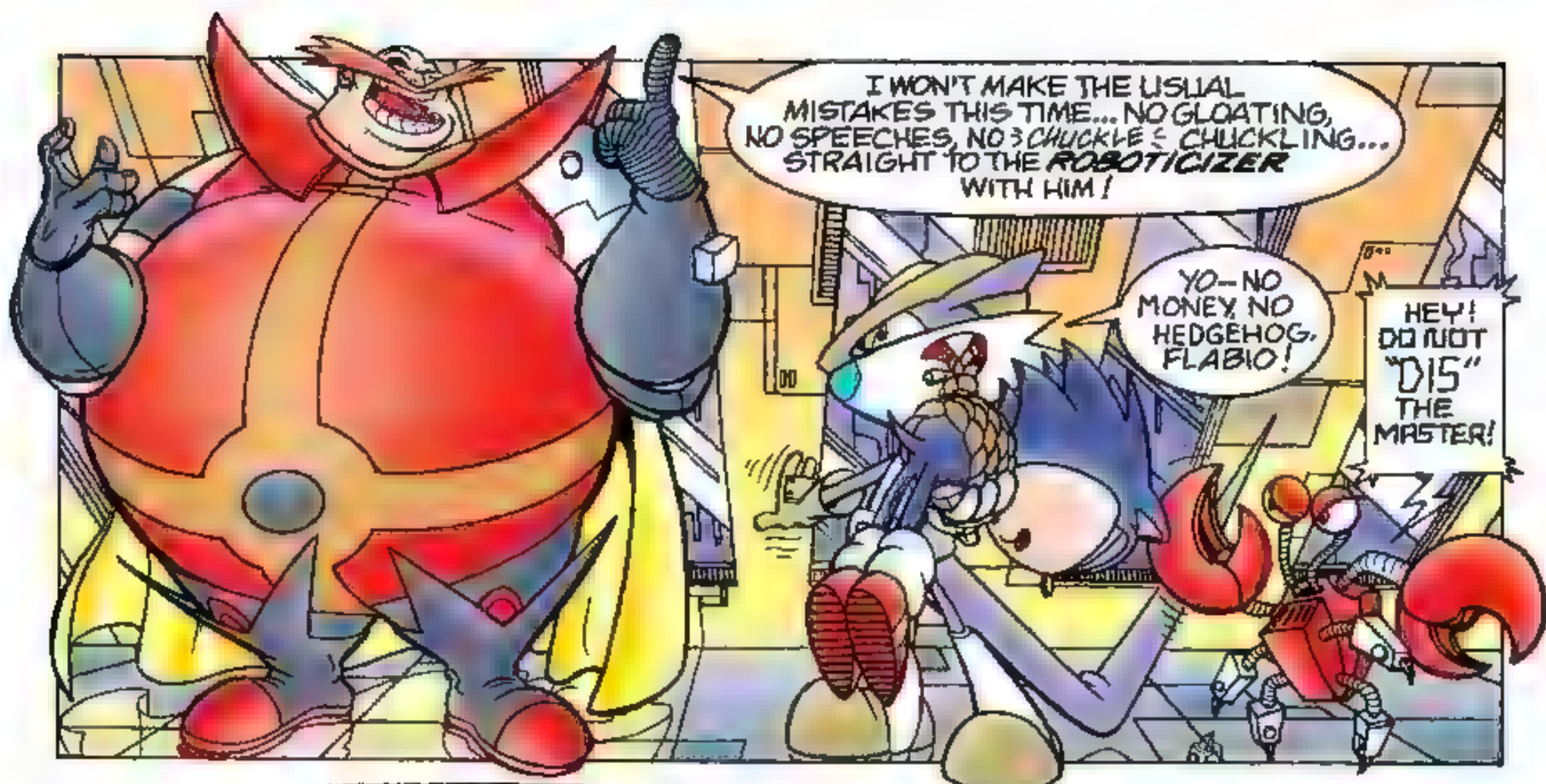


SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS MINE AT LAST !

YES, OH LORD OF LARD !

NOT YET, BLUBBER BLINS ! TIME TO PAY THE PIPER... IN CASH !





EEEEYAAAAAA!!

ZING!

YES! MY
DREAM >choke<
COME >gob<
TRUE!*

AT LONG
LAST, I GET TO TURN
SONIC INTO A MINDLESS
ROBOT!

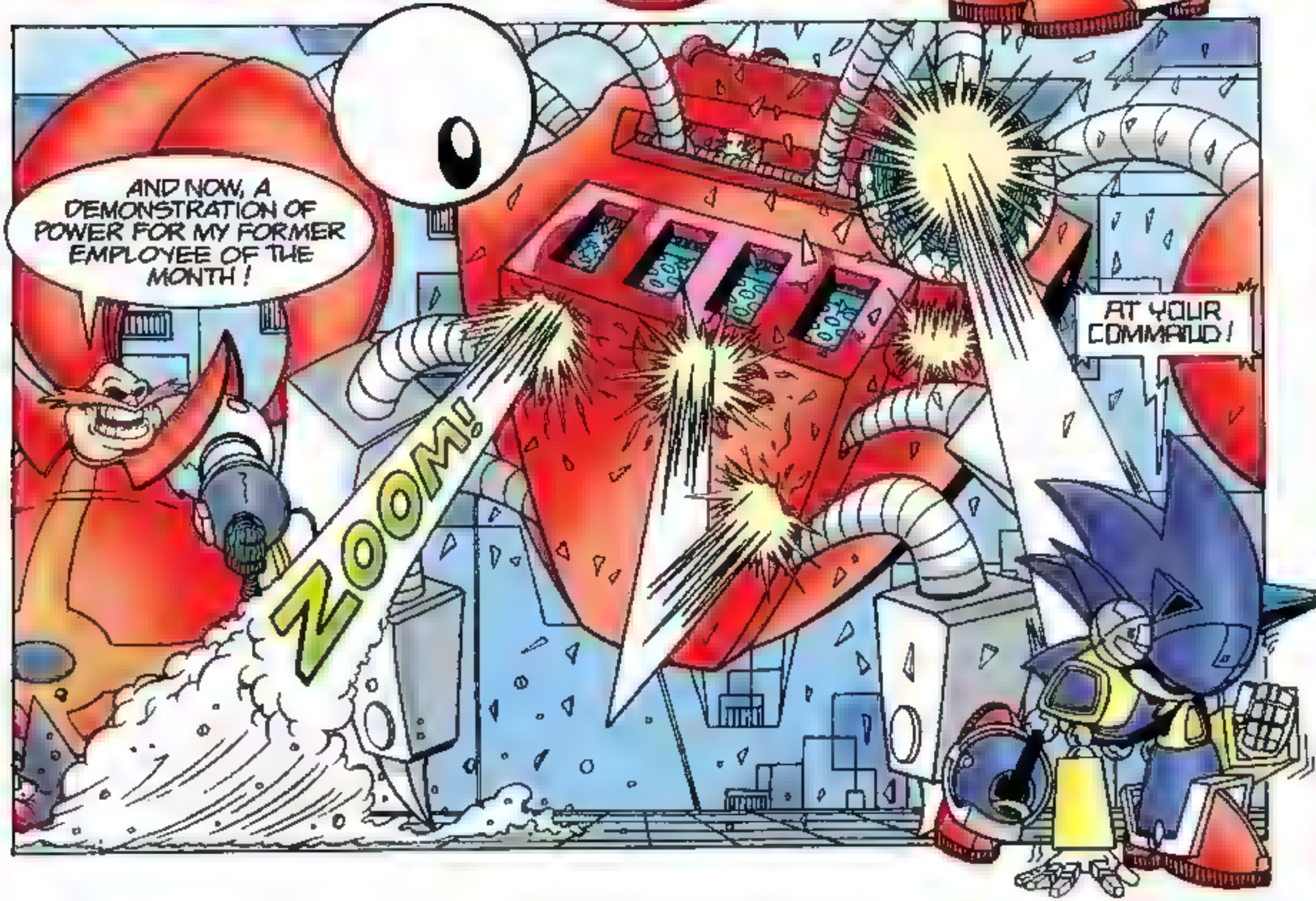
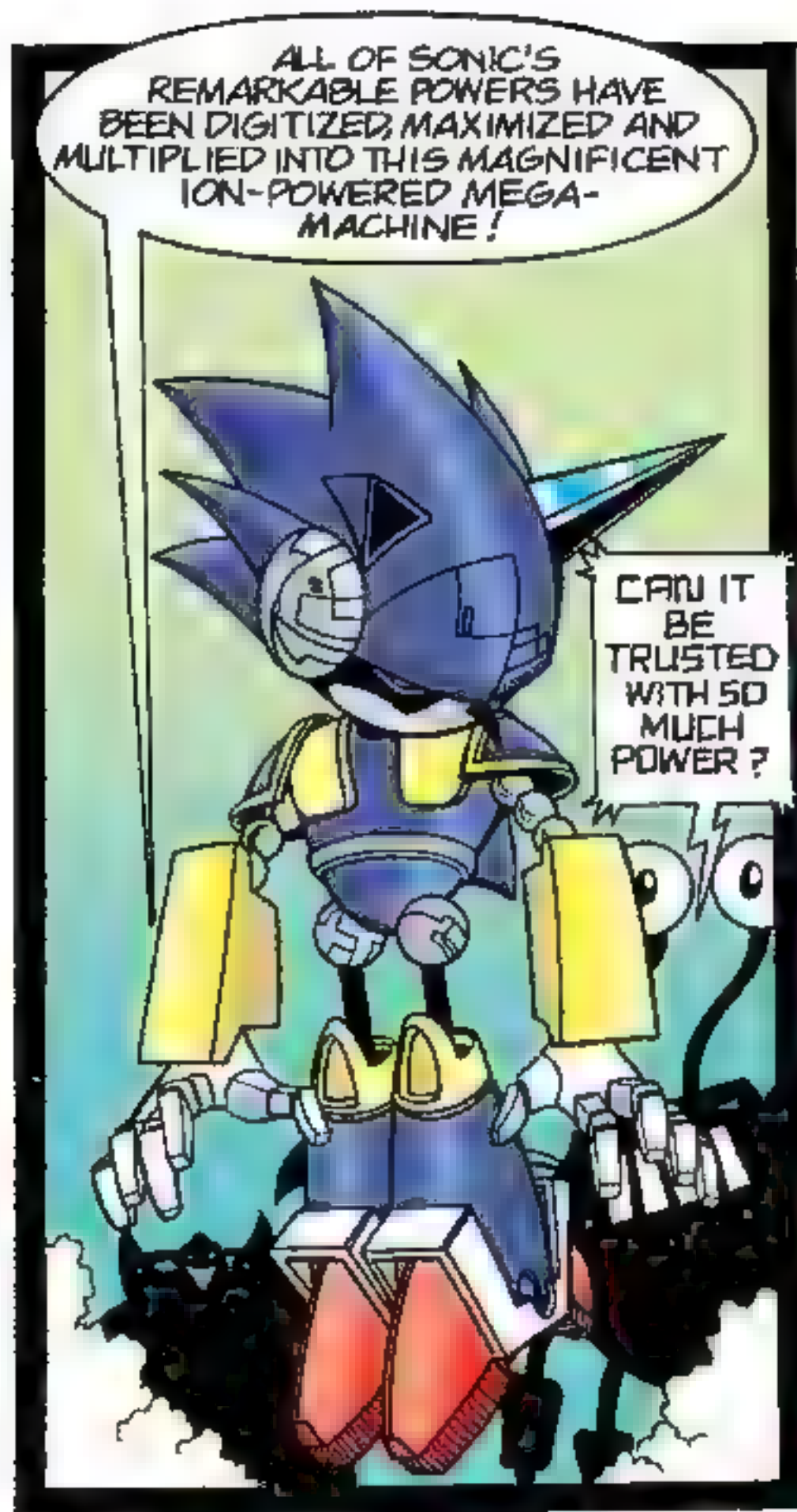
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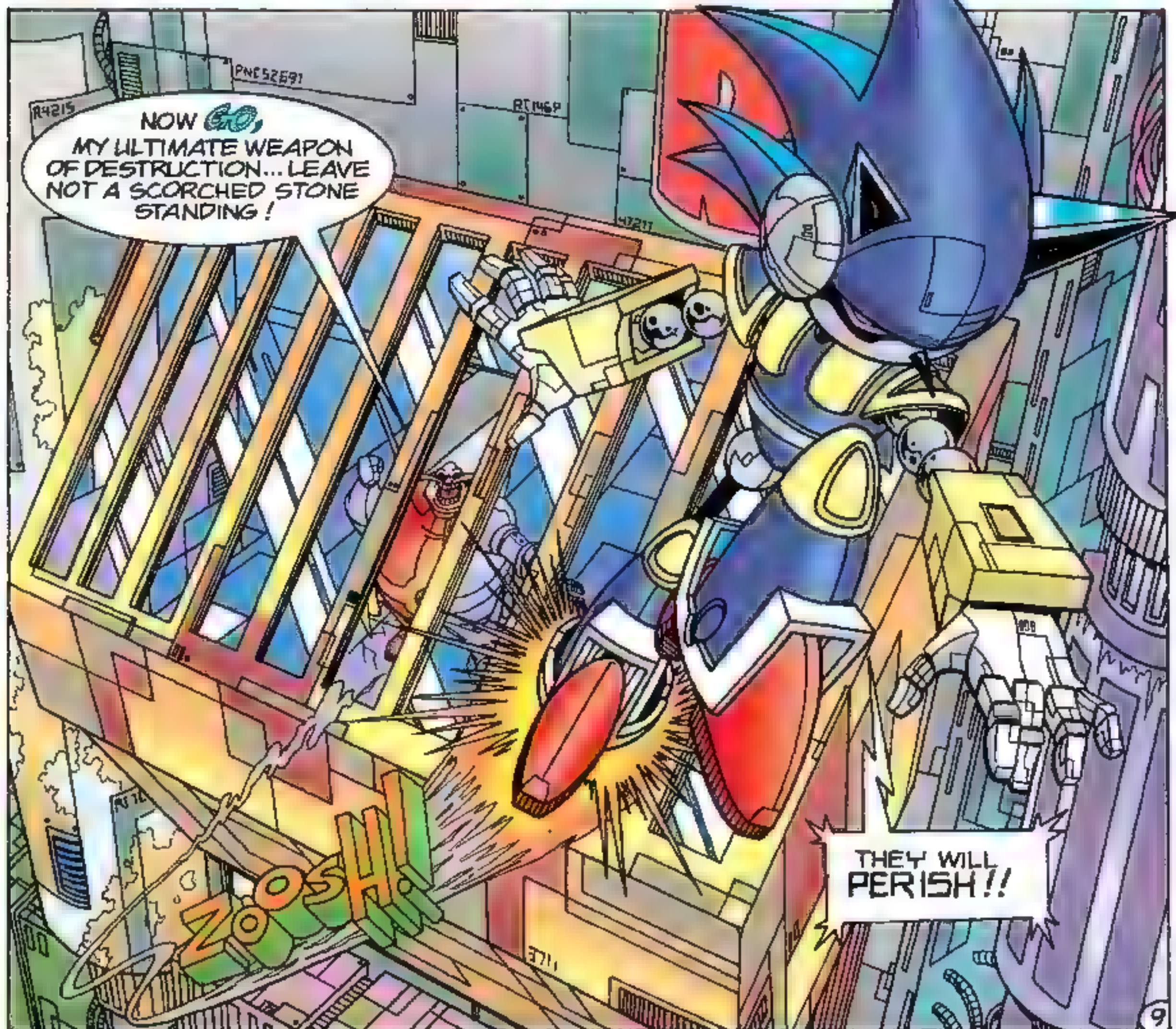
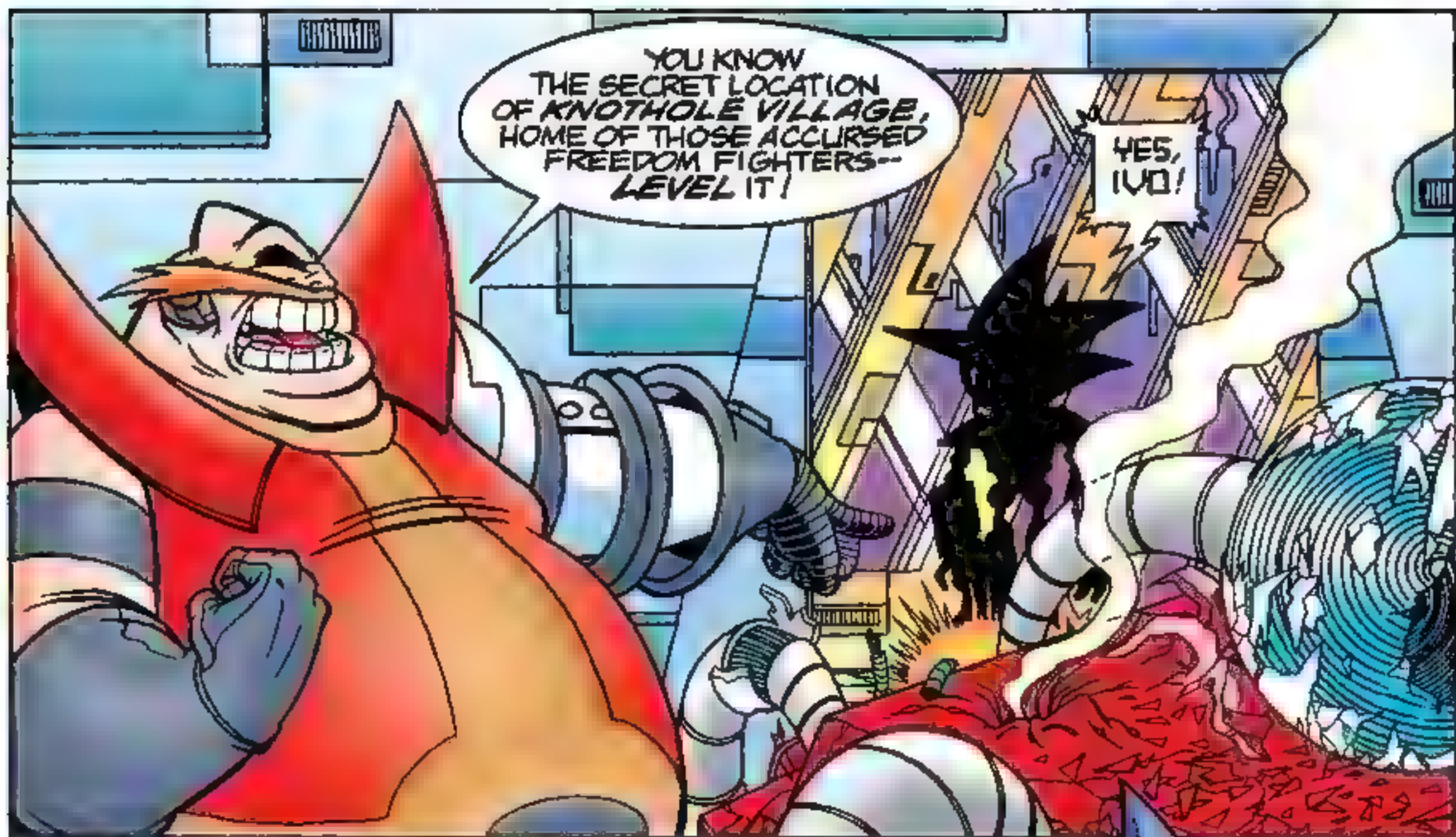
BEHOLD,
CRABMEAT, HE IS
RISEN! THE ONE,
TRUE,

MECHA
SONIC!

MECHA-WOW!

CHUOOOM!





RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

PART III

MY PORTABLE COMPUTER, NICOLE, DOESN'T LIE! THAT MECHANICAL MONSTER ZEROING IN ON US IS DEFINITELY...

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG™

BUT HE'S BEEN ROBOTICIZED!

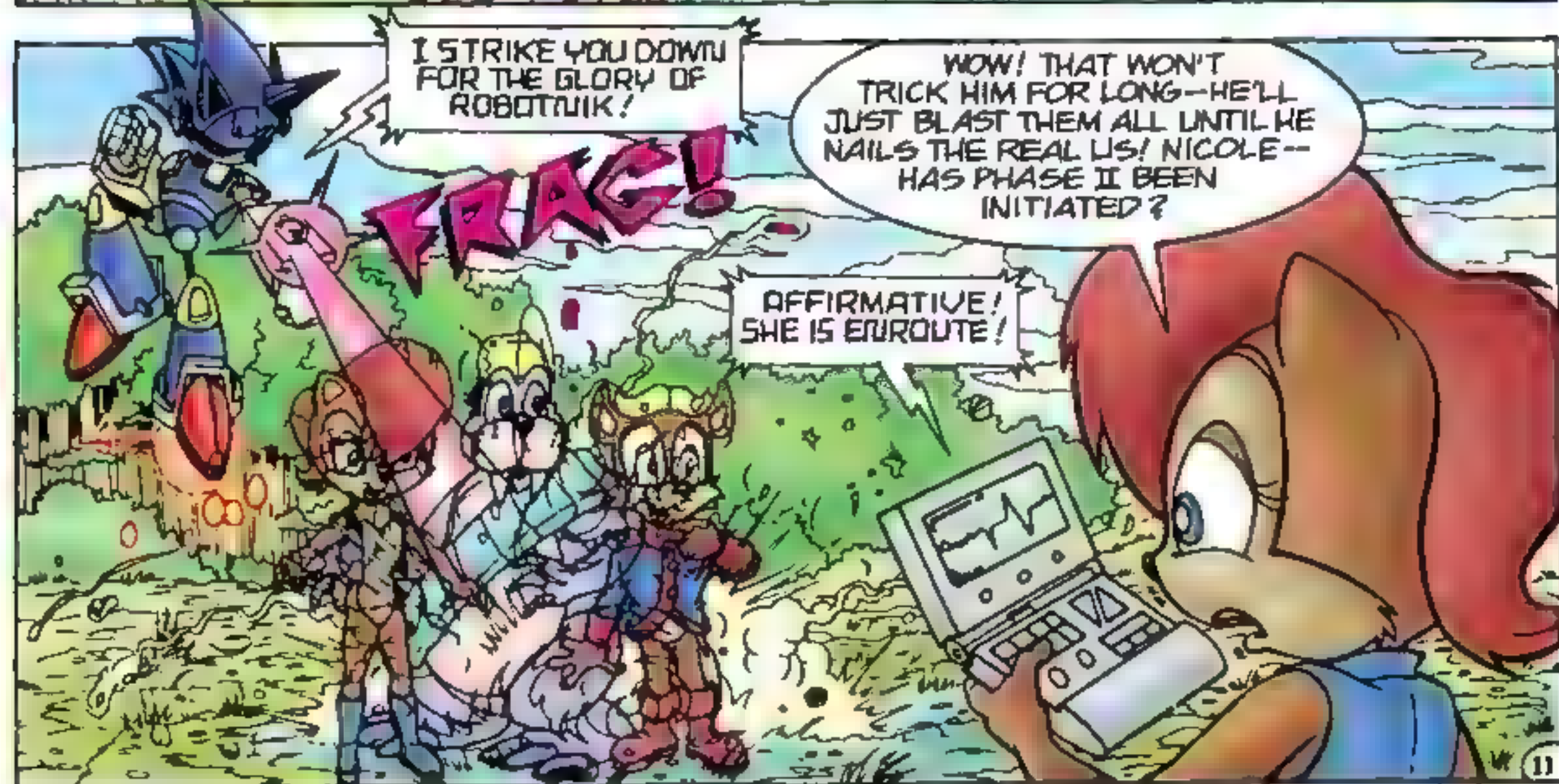
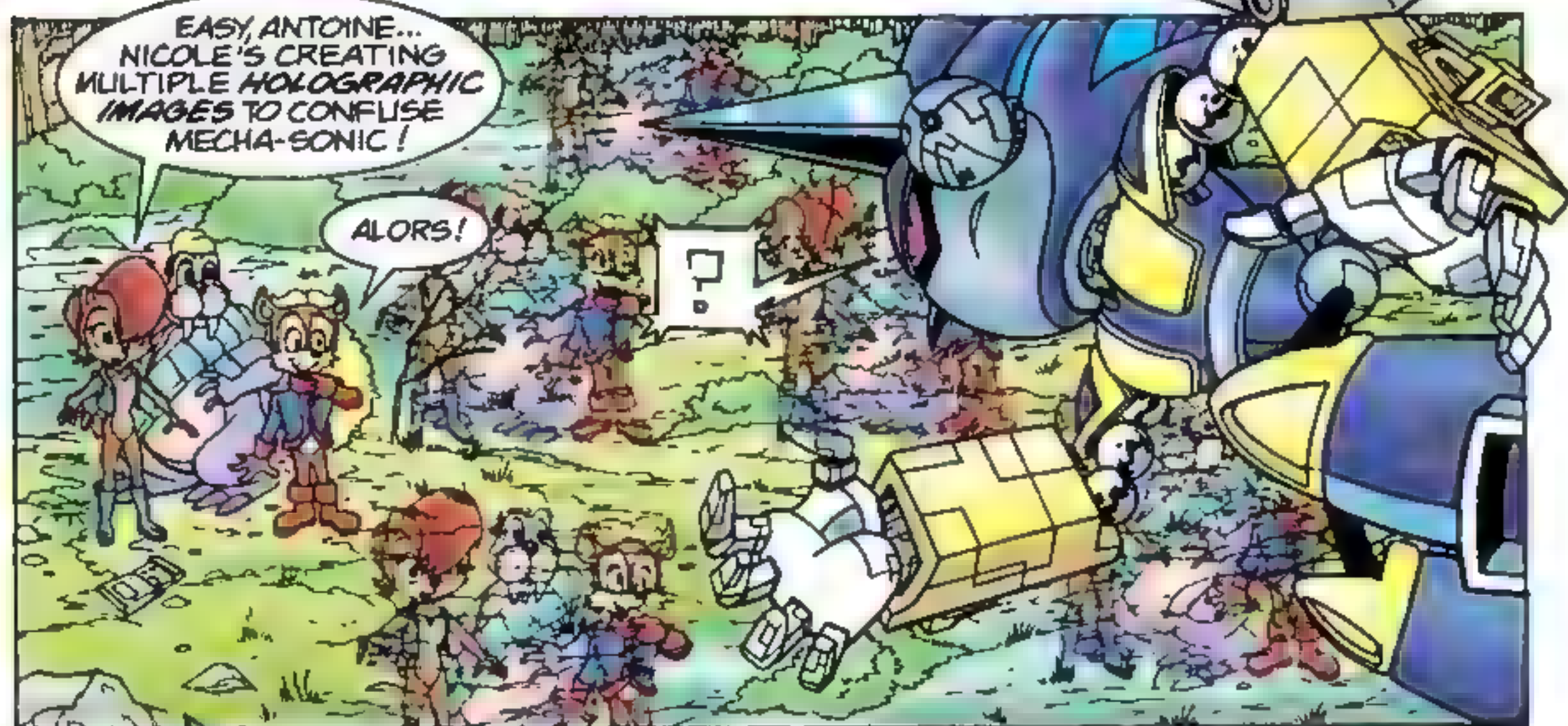
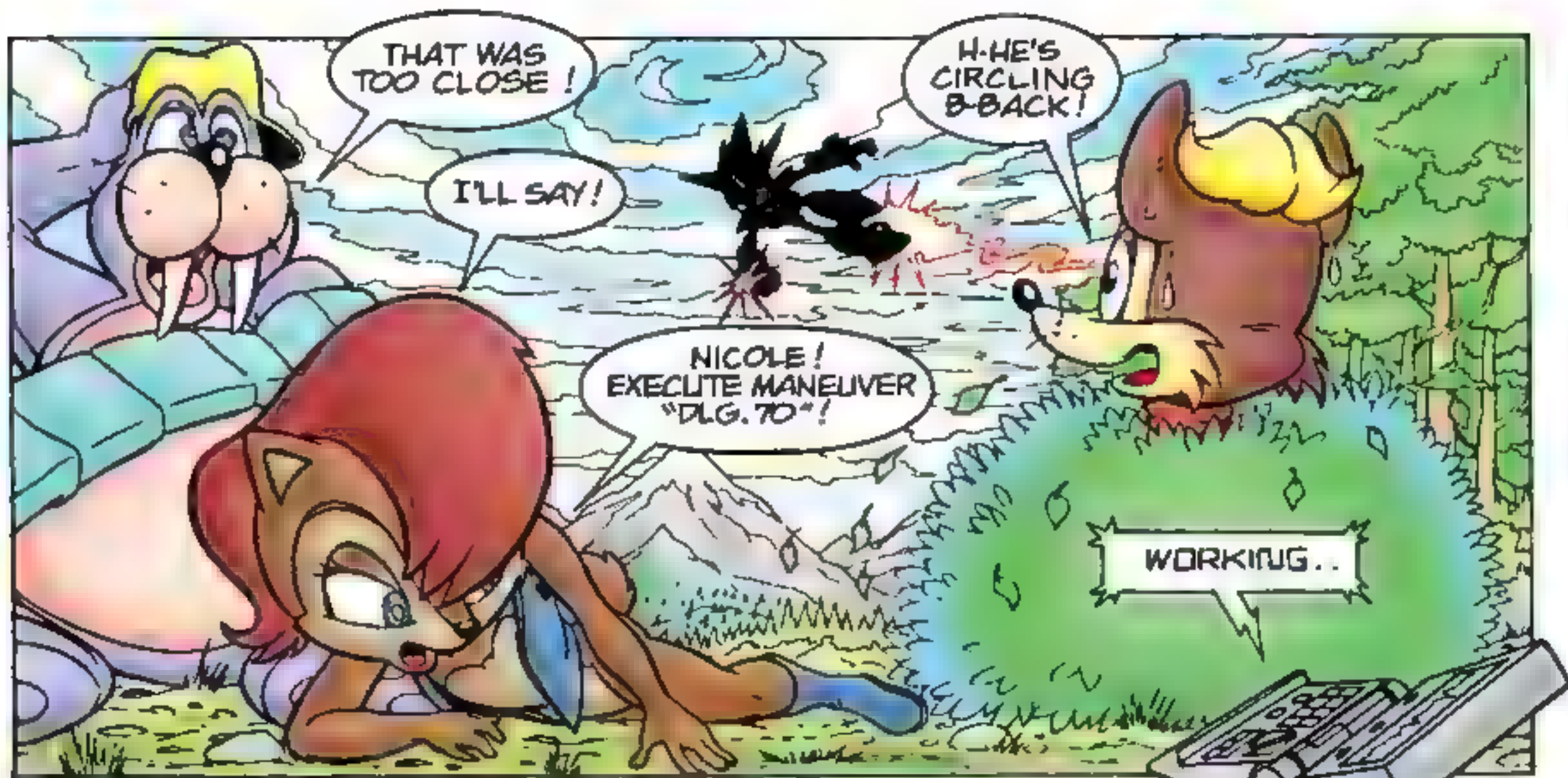
Ummm...HE ALSO LOOKS DOWNRIGHT UNFRIENDLY!

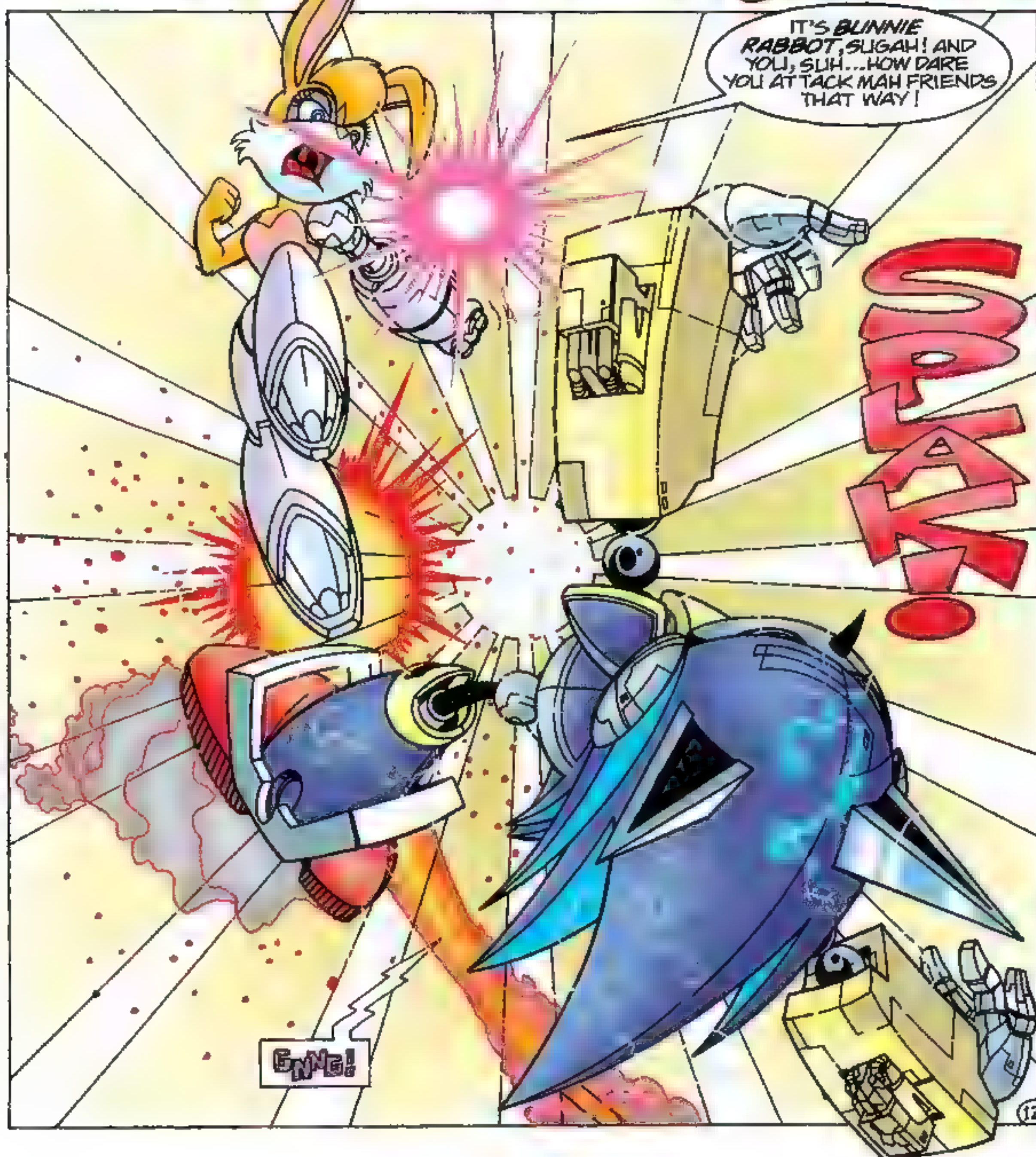
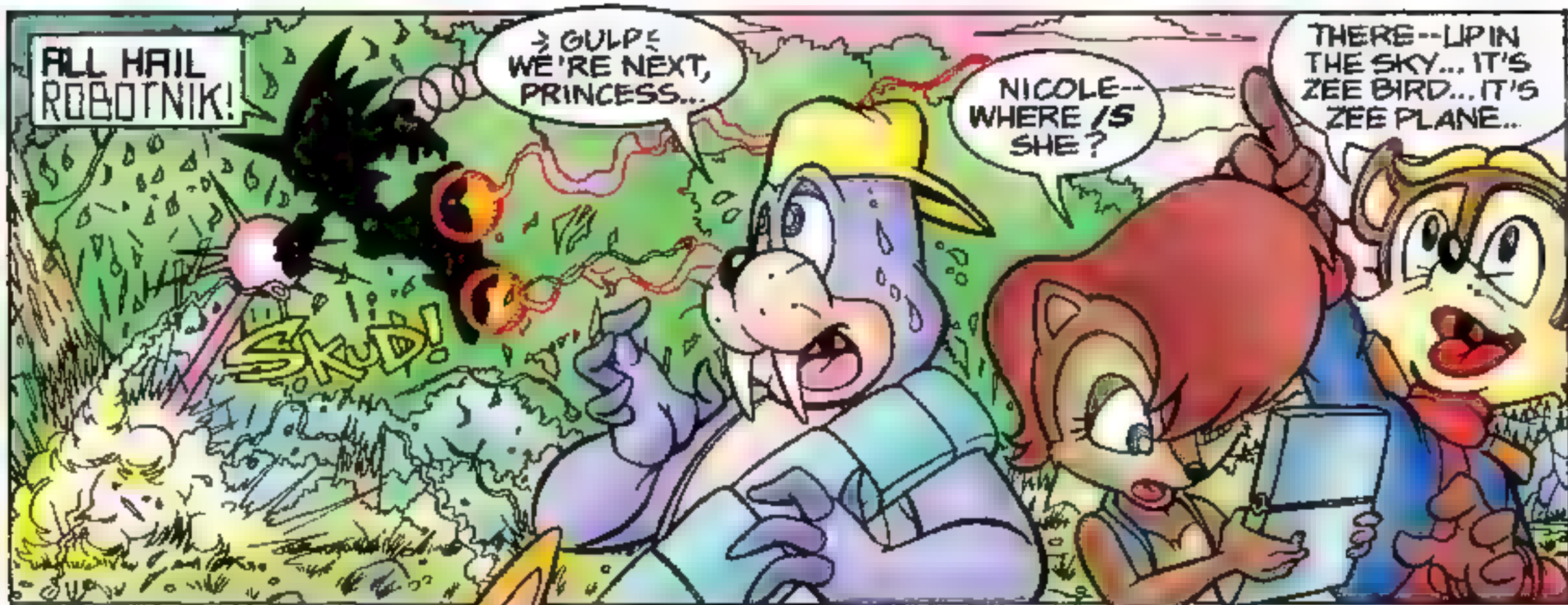
HE DISOBEYED ZE COUNCIL'S ORDER! HE WILL BE COURT-MARTIALED!

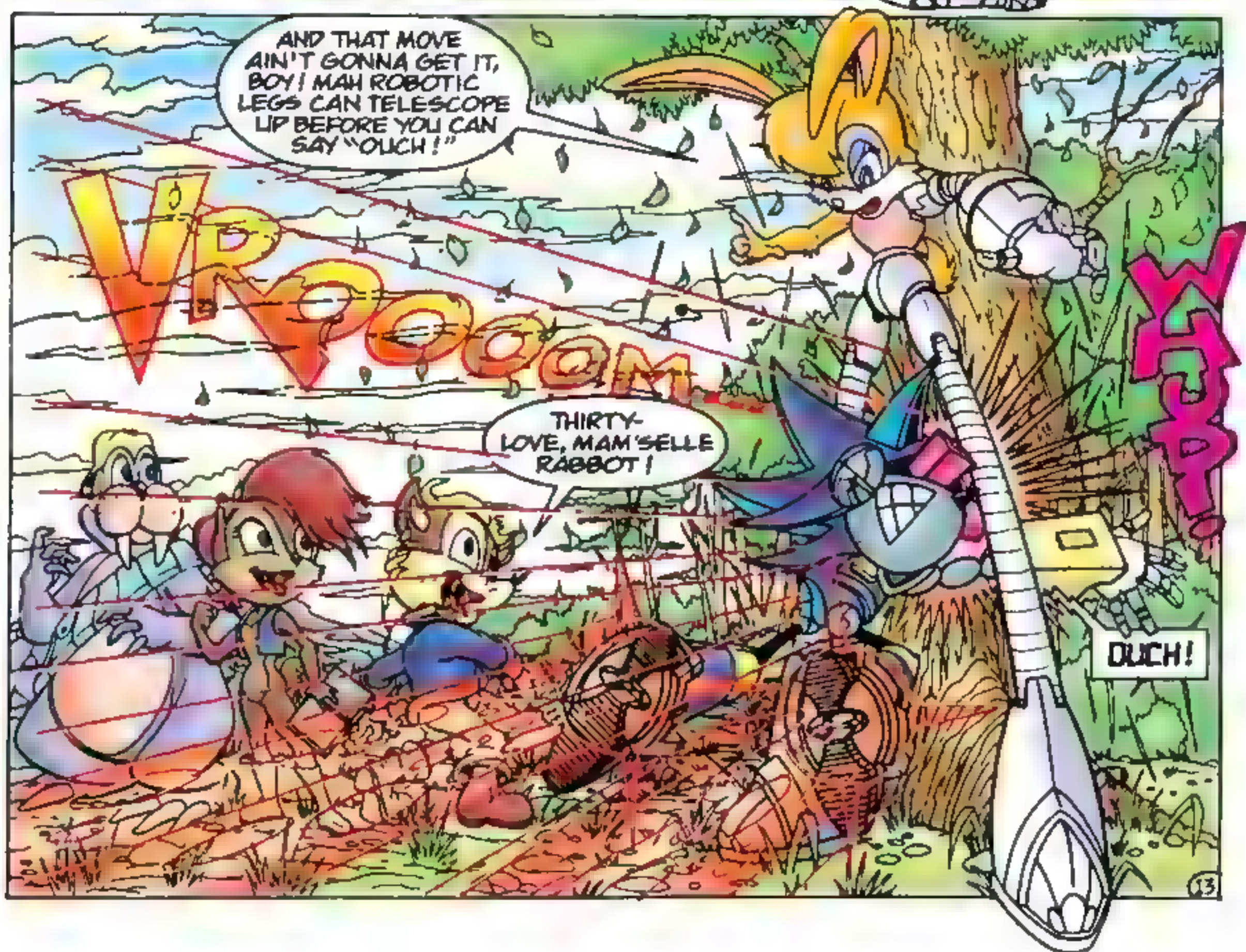
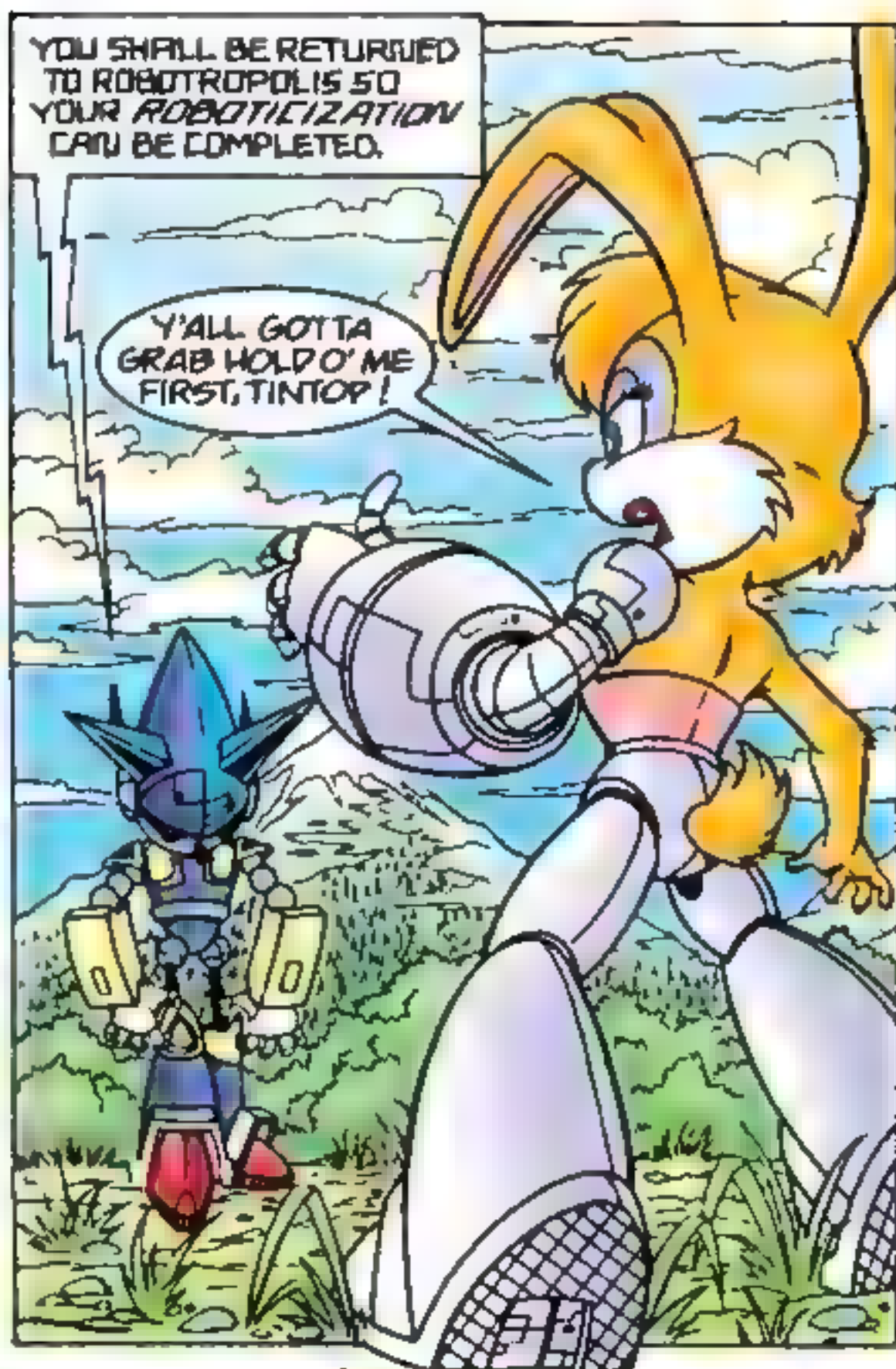
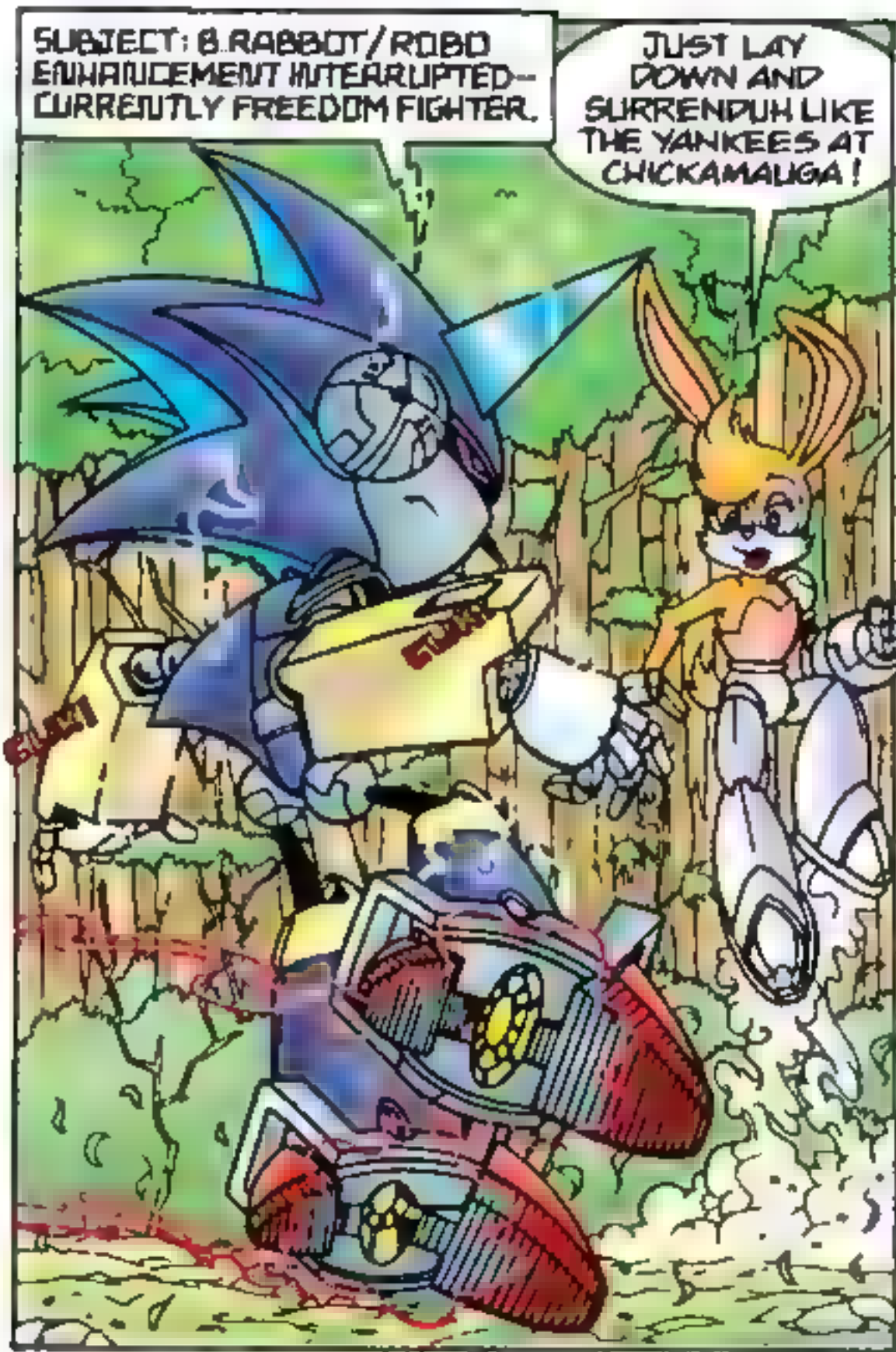
EAT BLASTER FIRE, FREEDOM FIGHTERS!

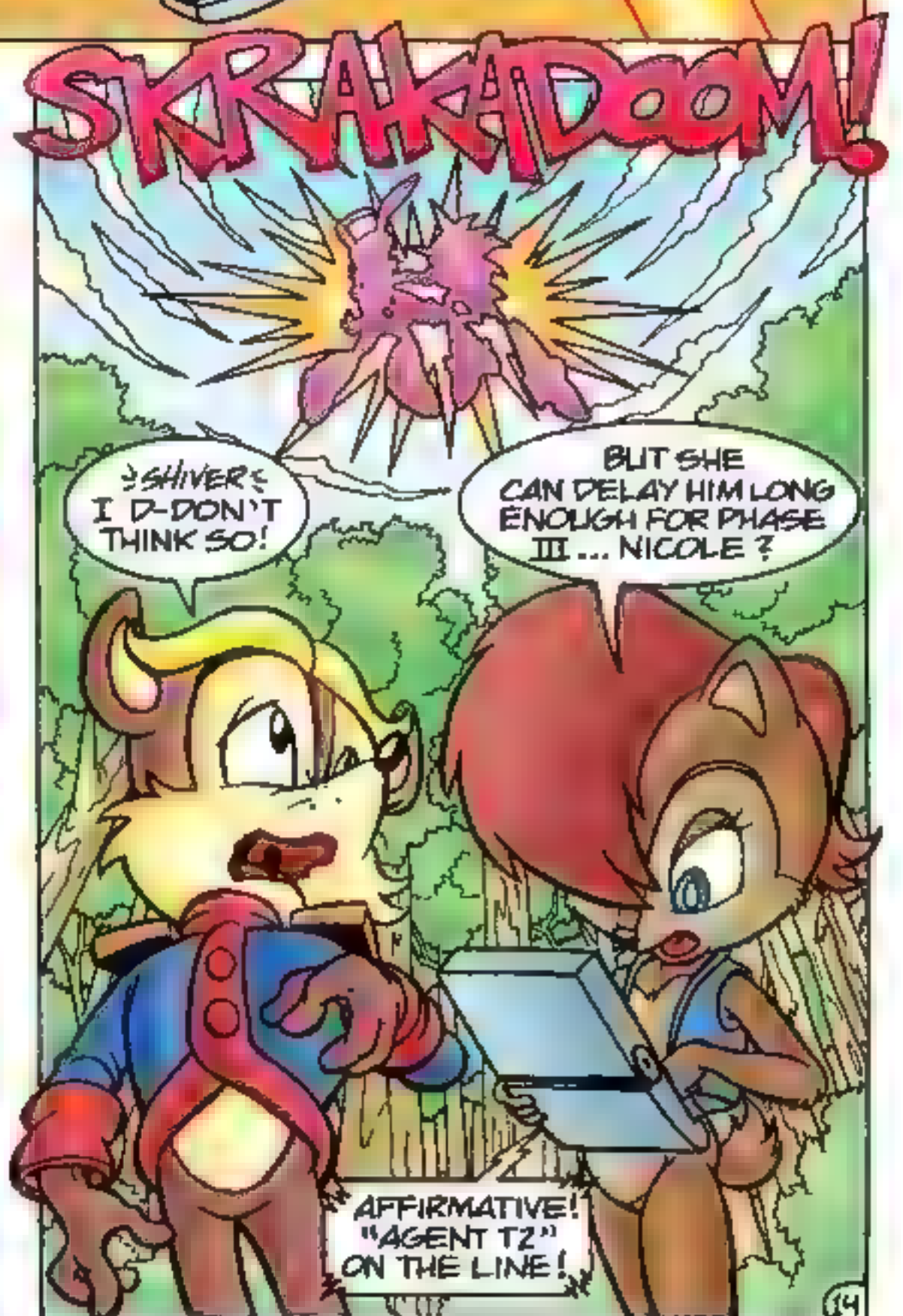
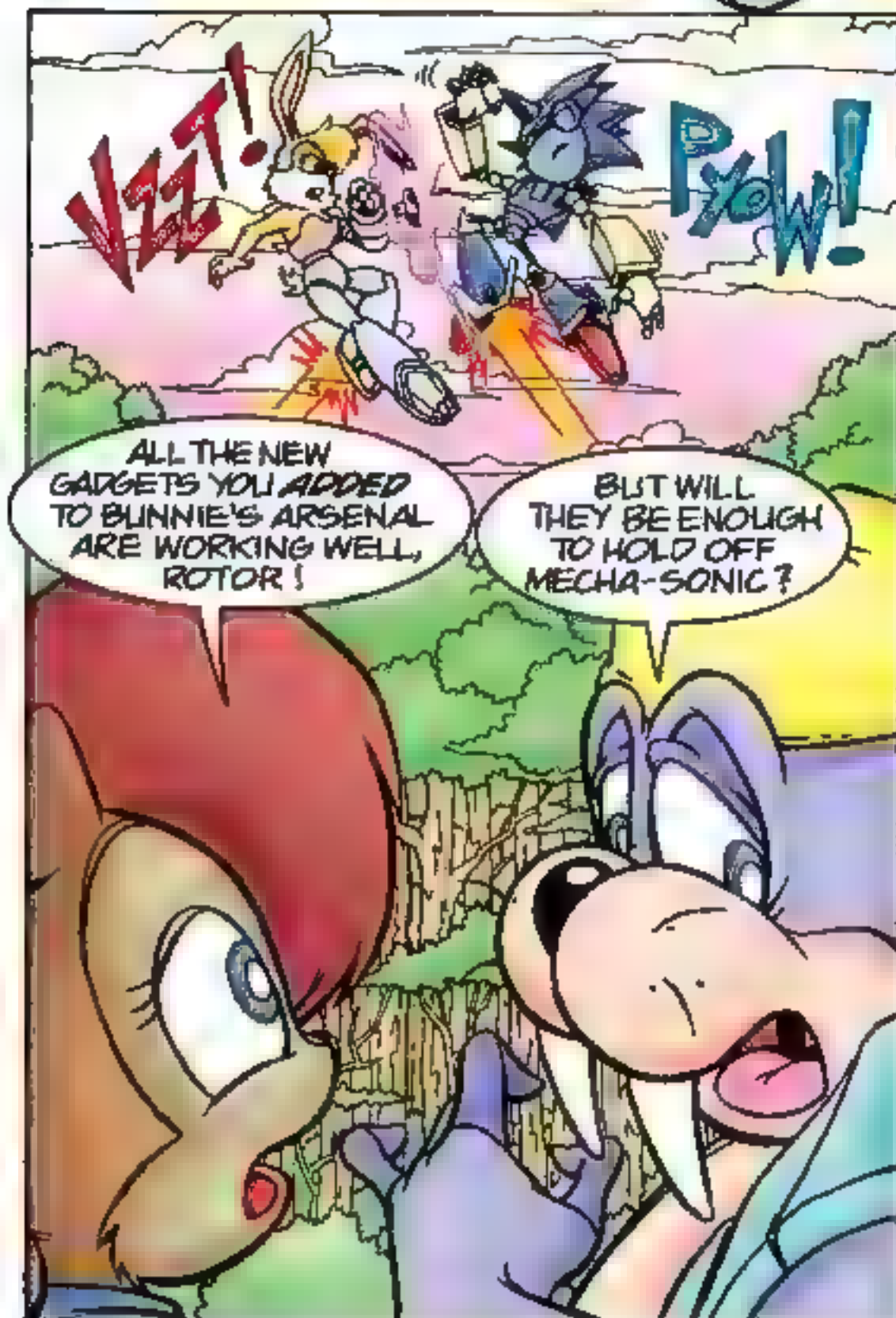
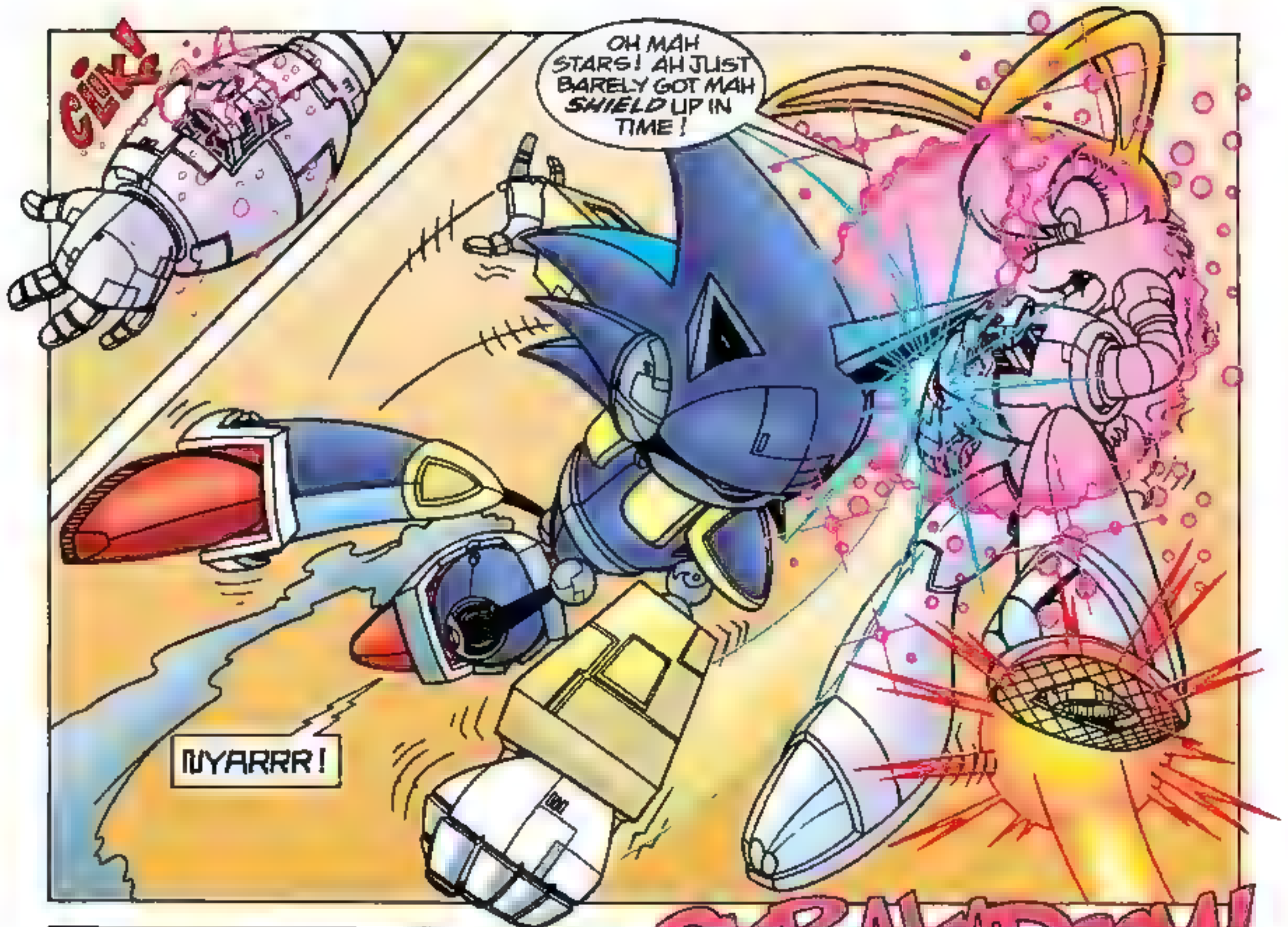
HE'S STRAFING US! GET DOWN!

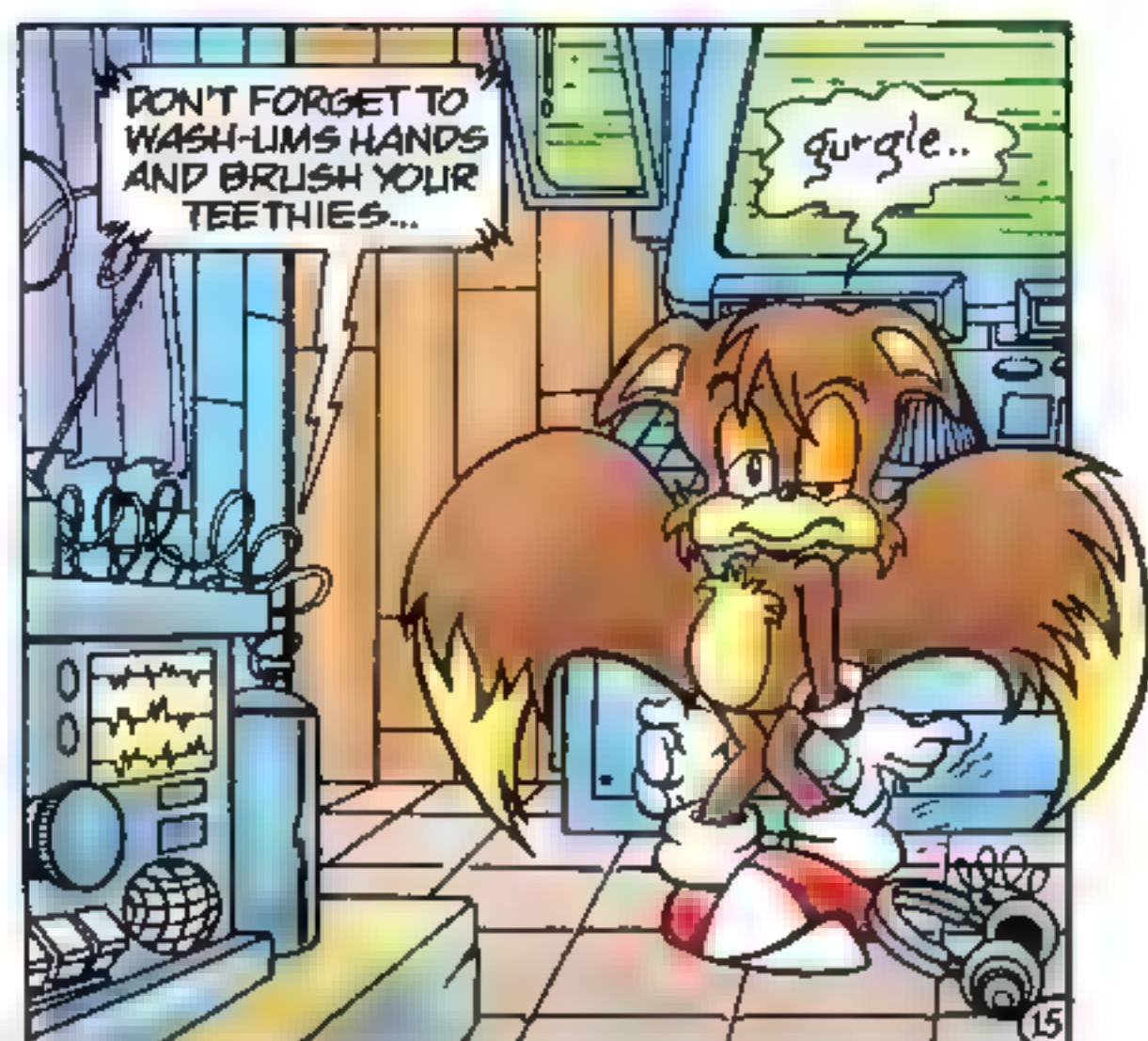
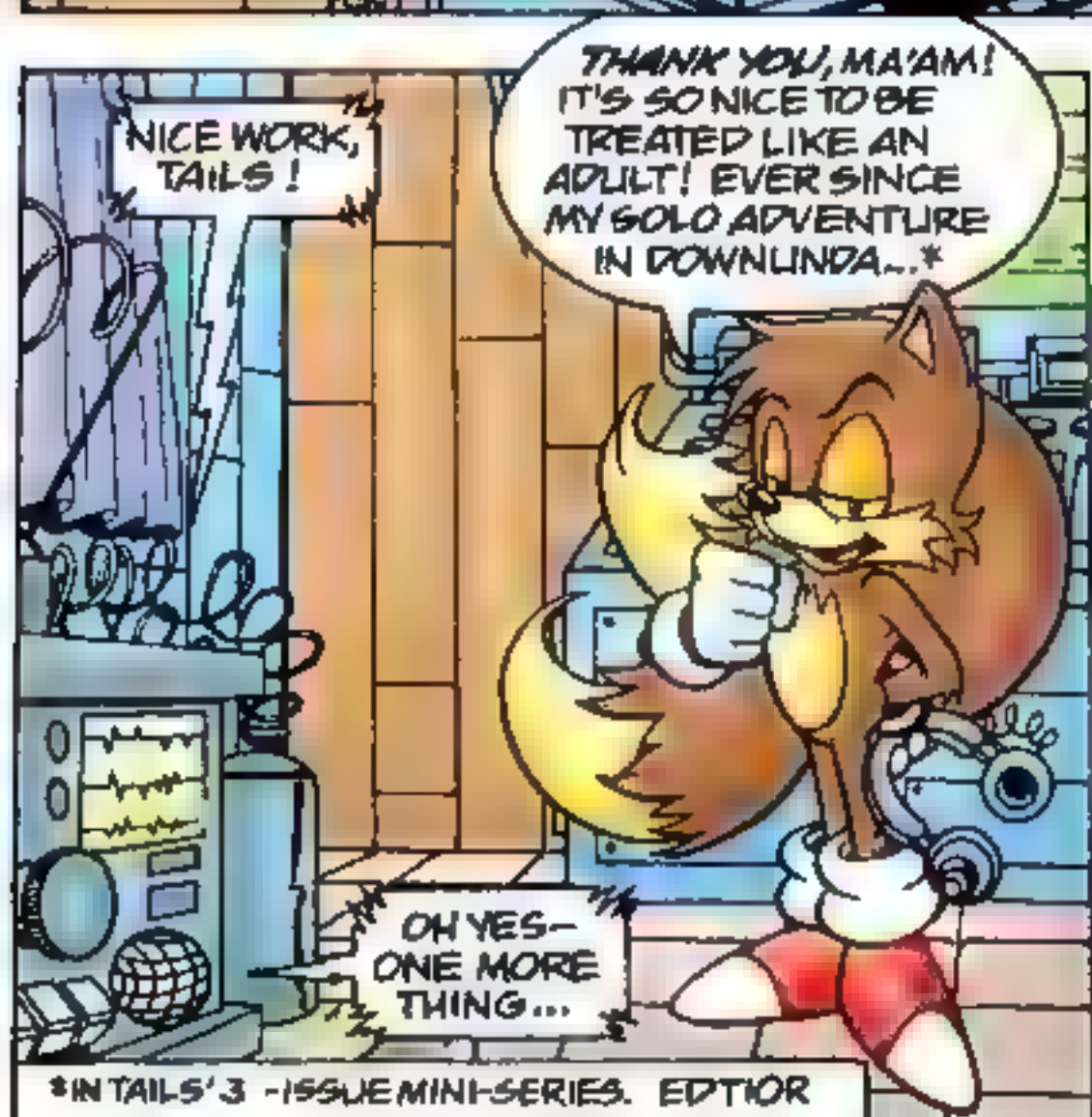
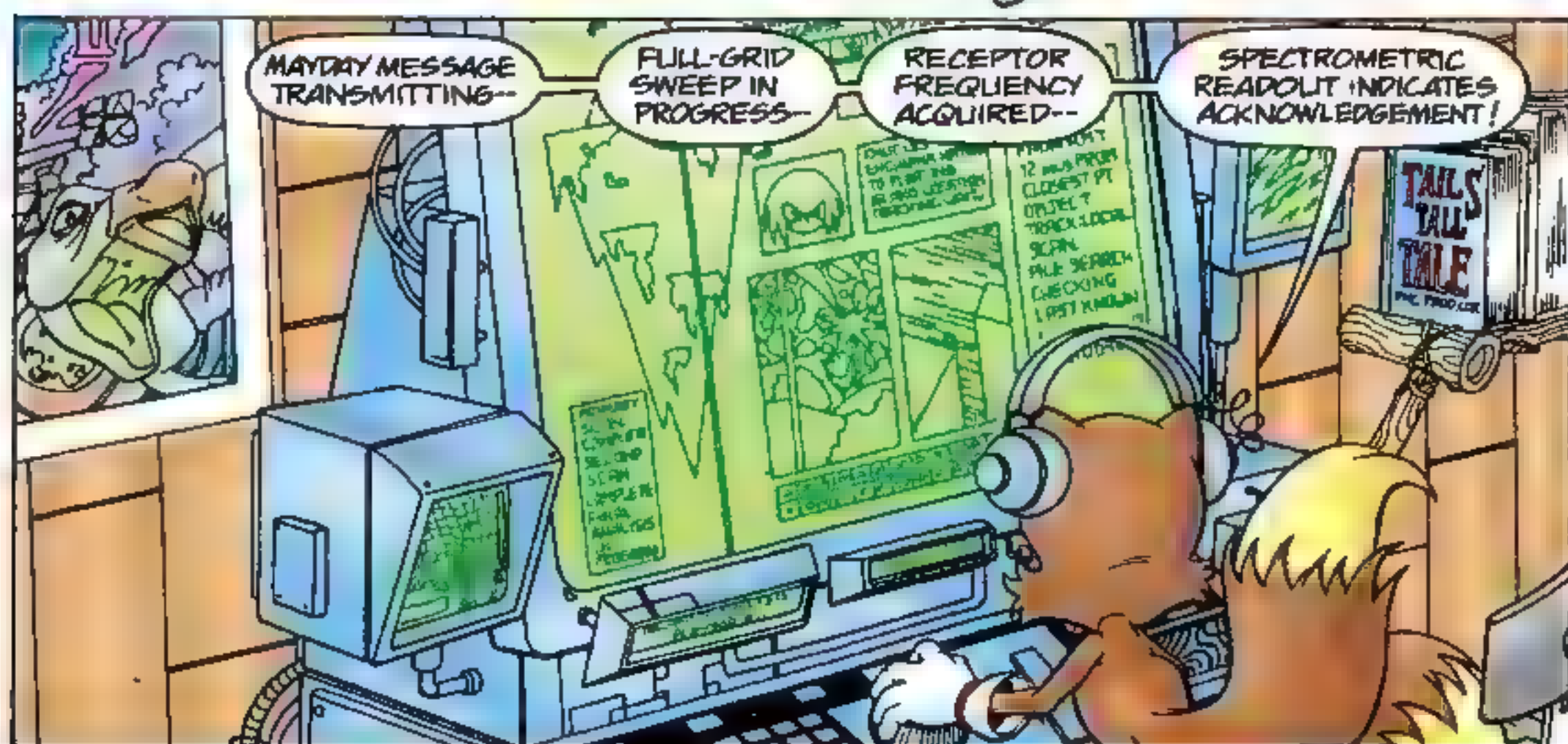
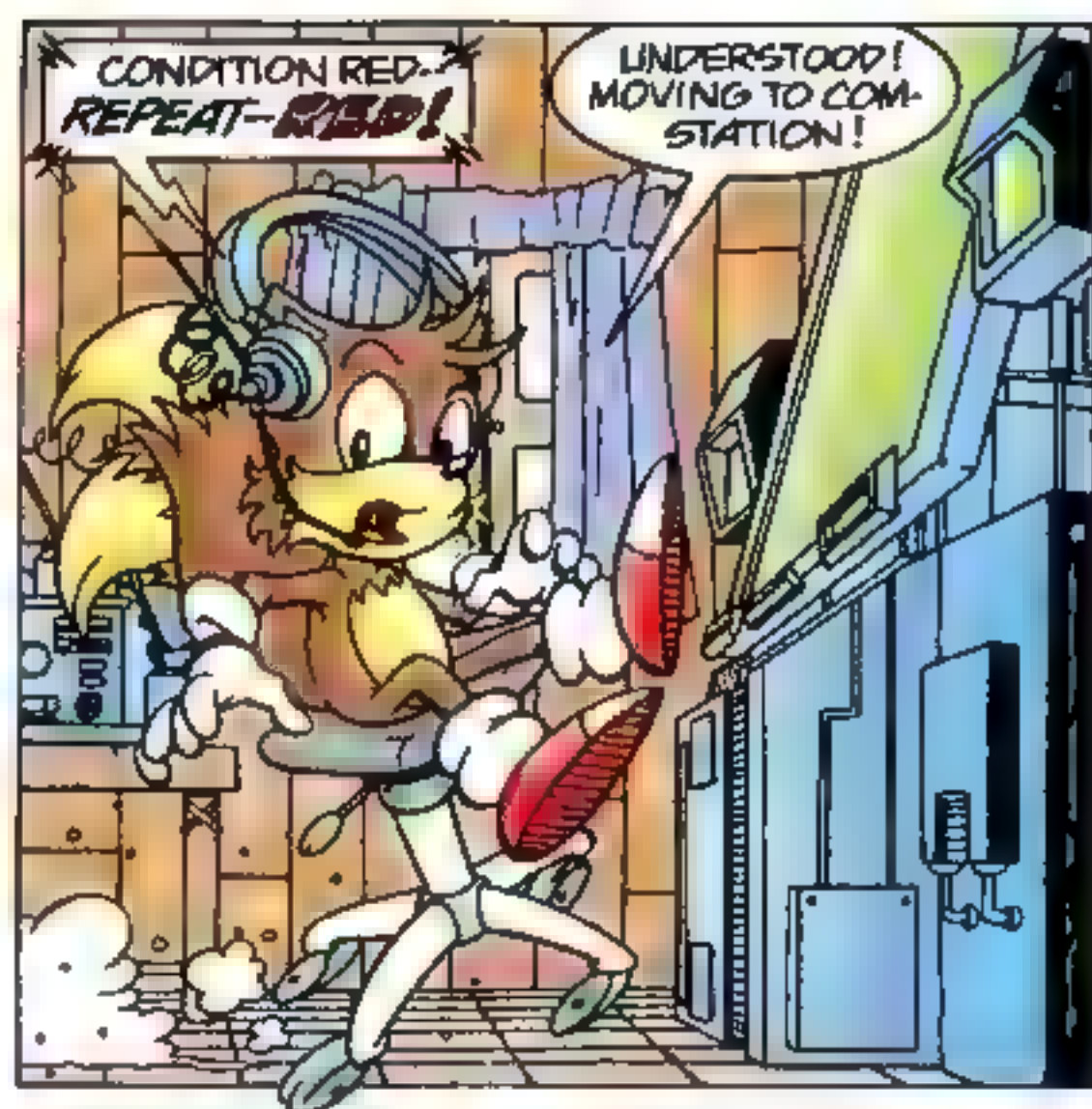
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RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

PART 1

YOUR EVENING APERTIF,
GURU OF GRAVITY!

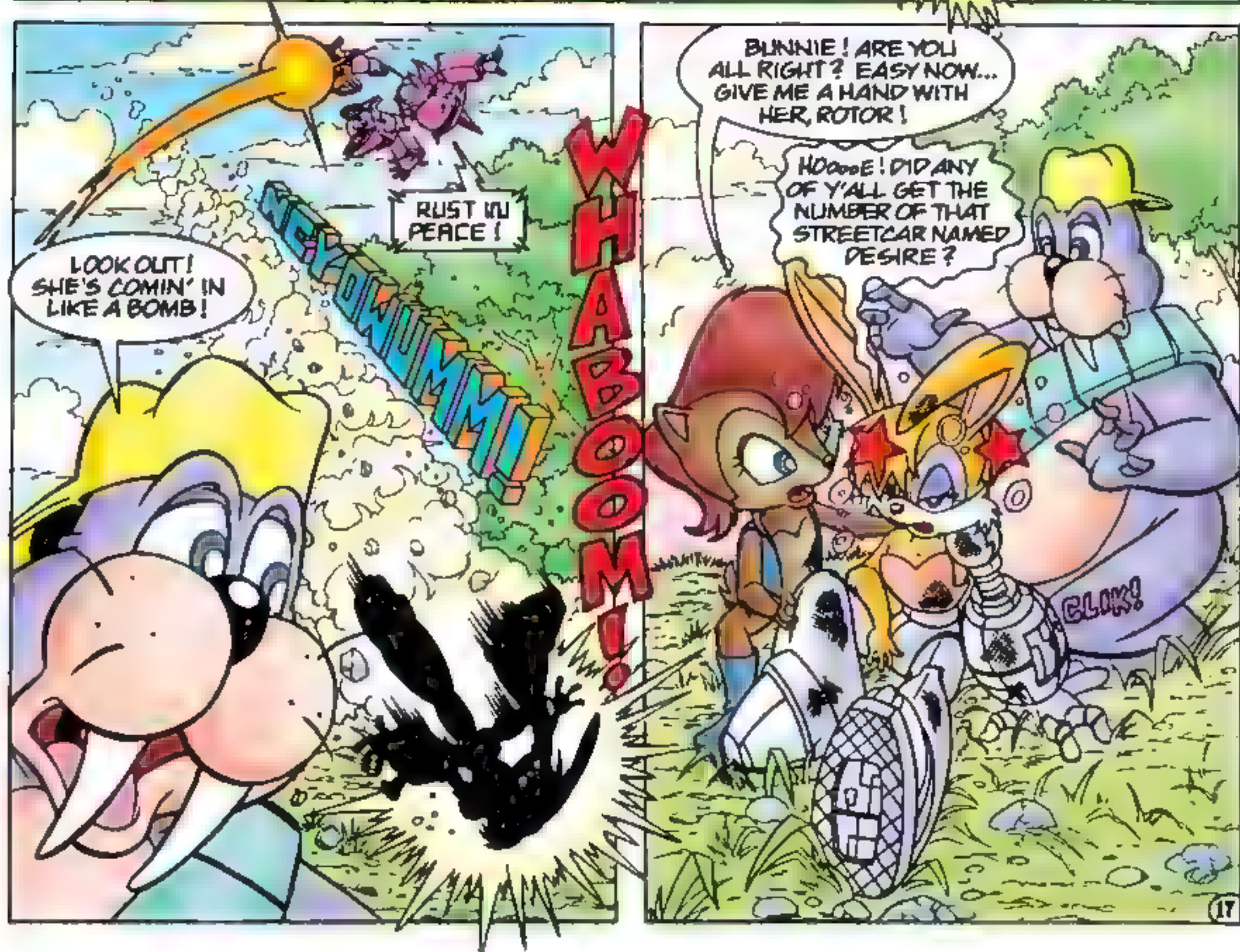
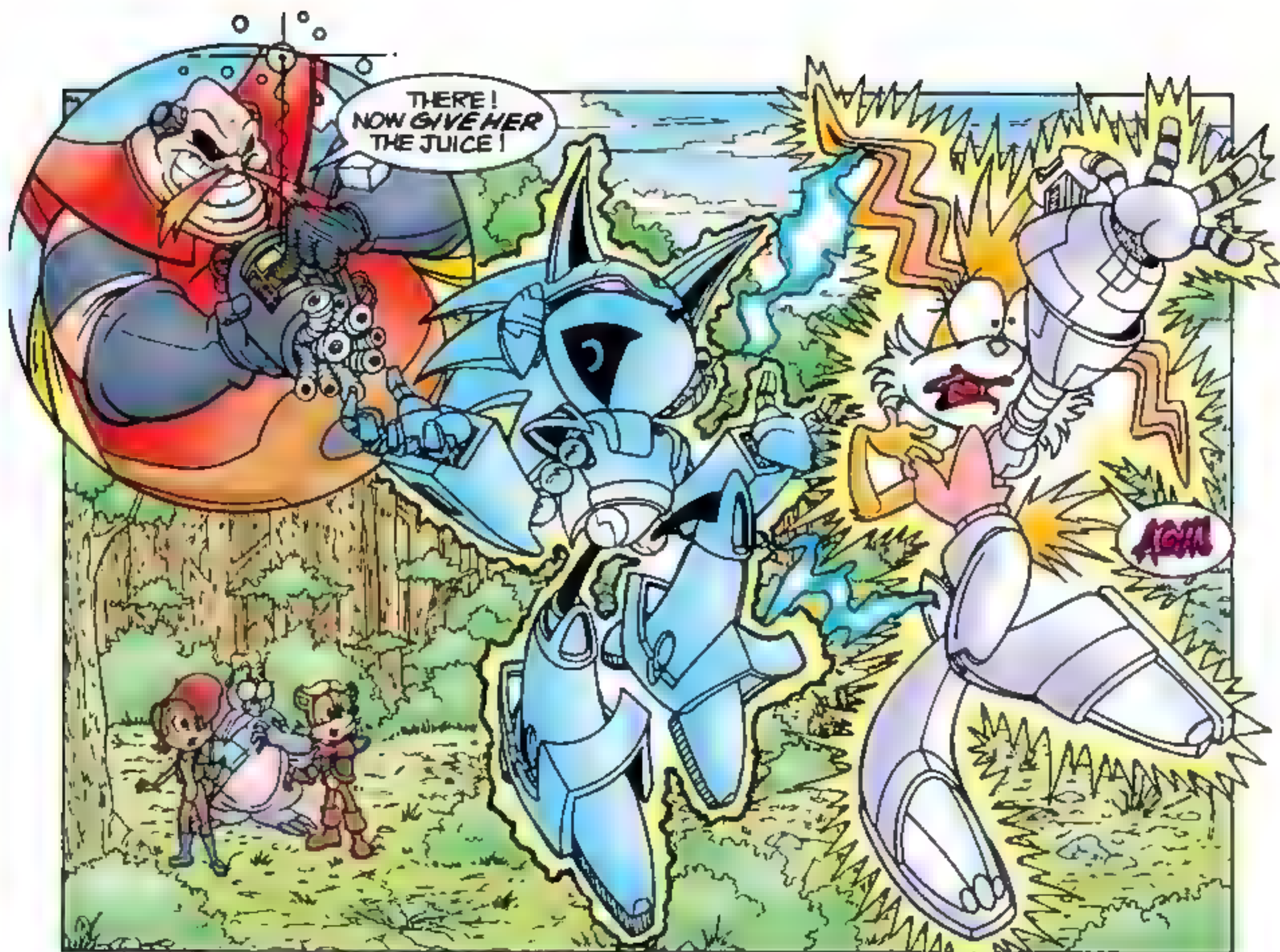
THE MECHA-SONIC
HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED
BY THAT REPULSIVE
RABBIT!

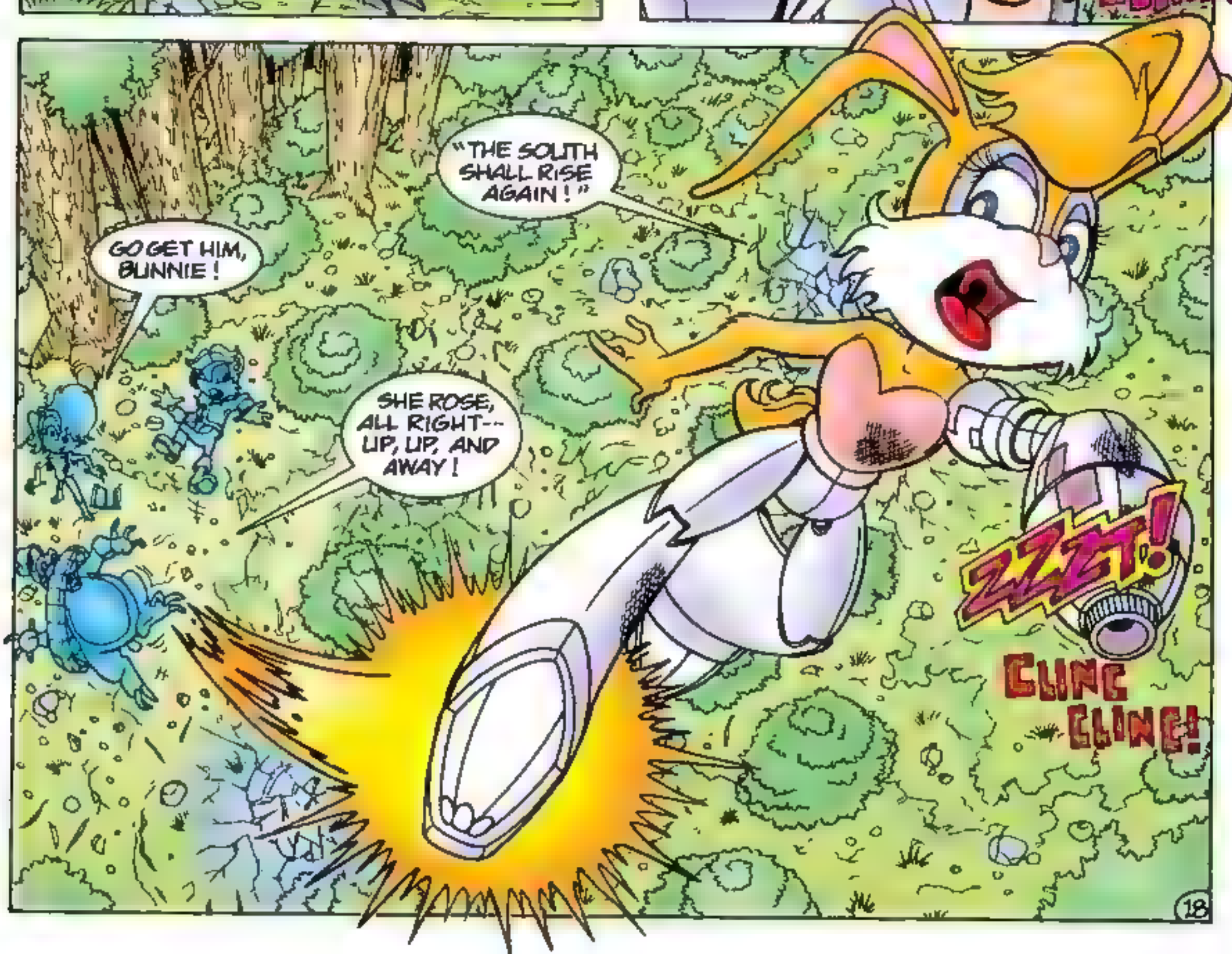
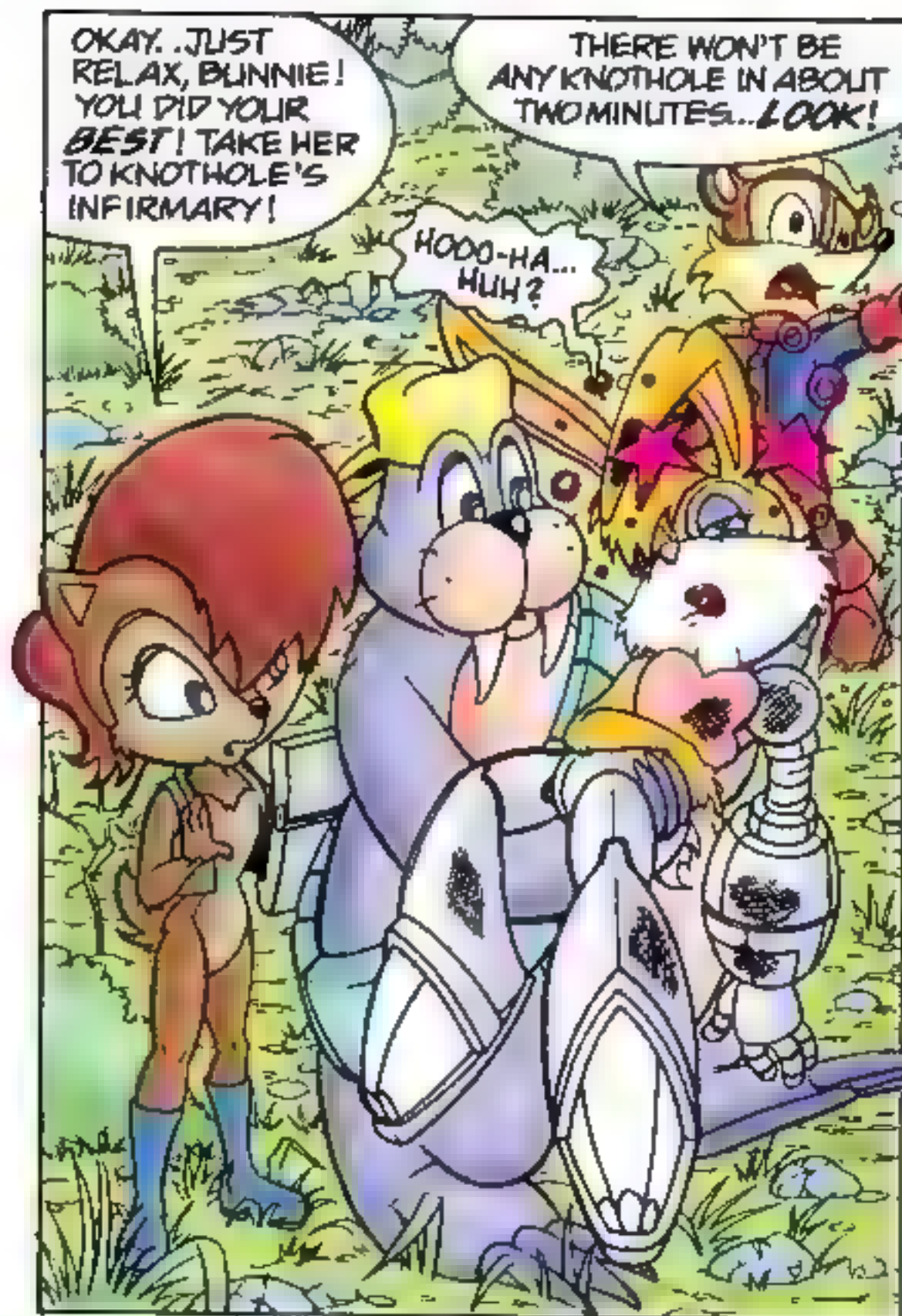
HARUMPH! ALL I NEED
IS A REMOTE POWER BOOSTER...
I CAN TRANSMIT A SURGE THROUGH
MECHA-SONIC THAT WILL TURN HER
INTO HÄSSENPFEFFER!

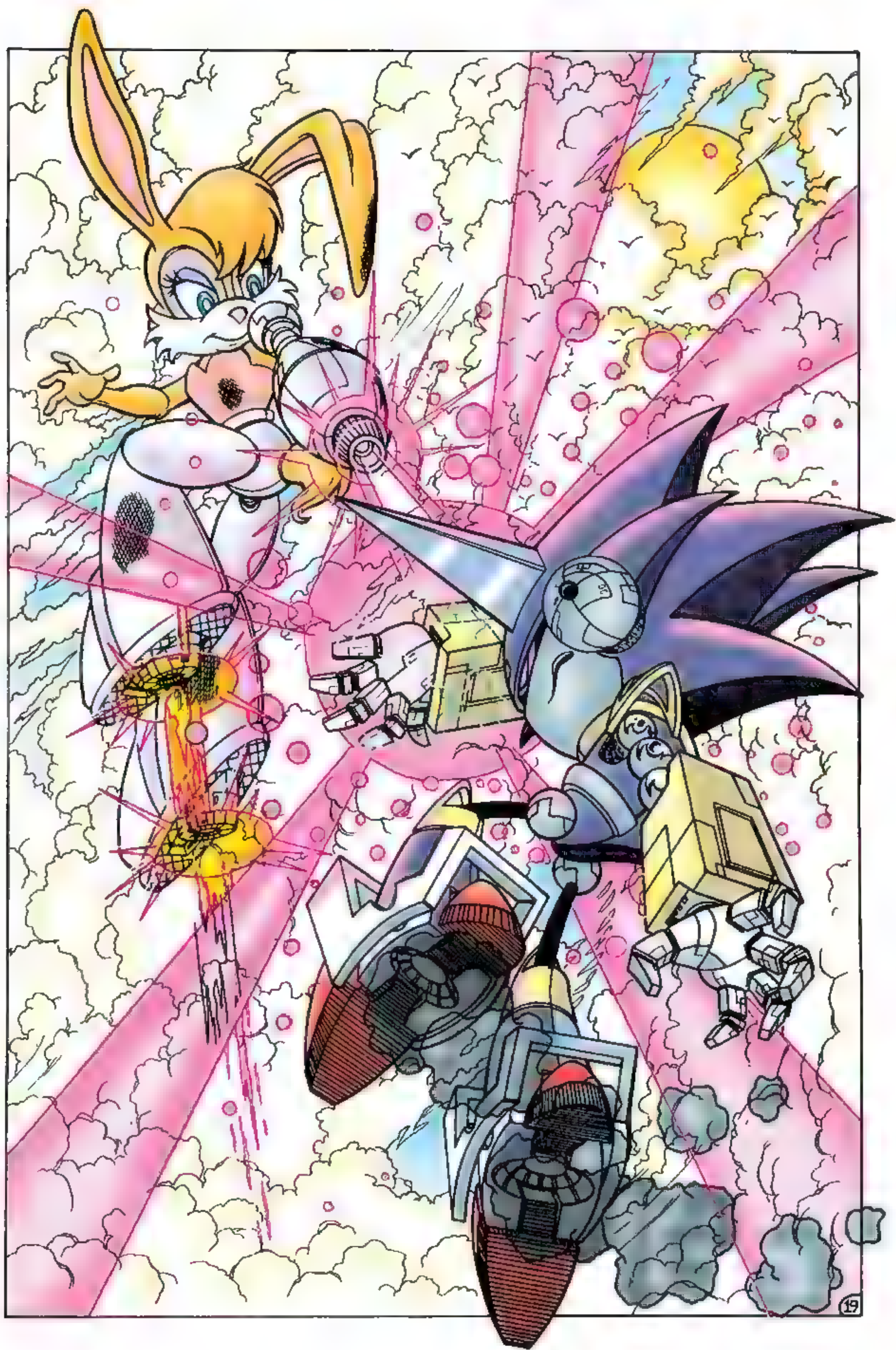
BUT AREN'T
SUCH
BOOSTERS
HARD TO
BUILD?

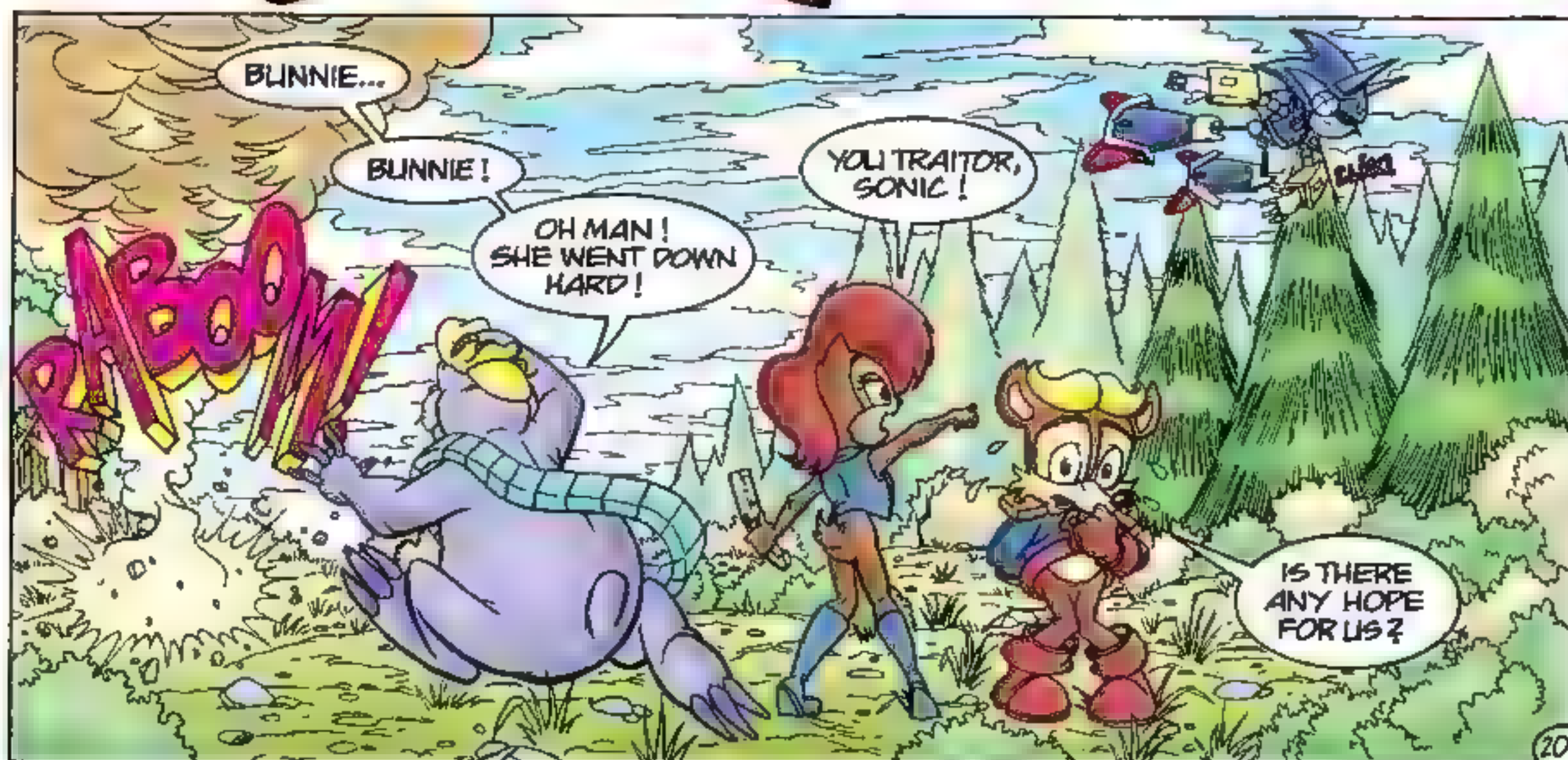
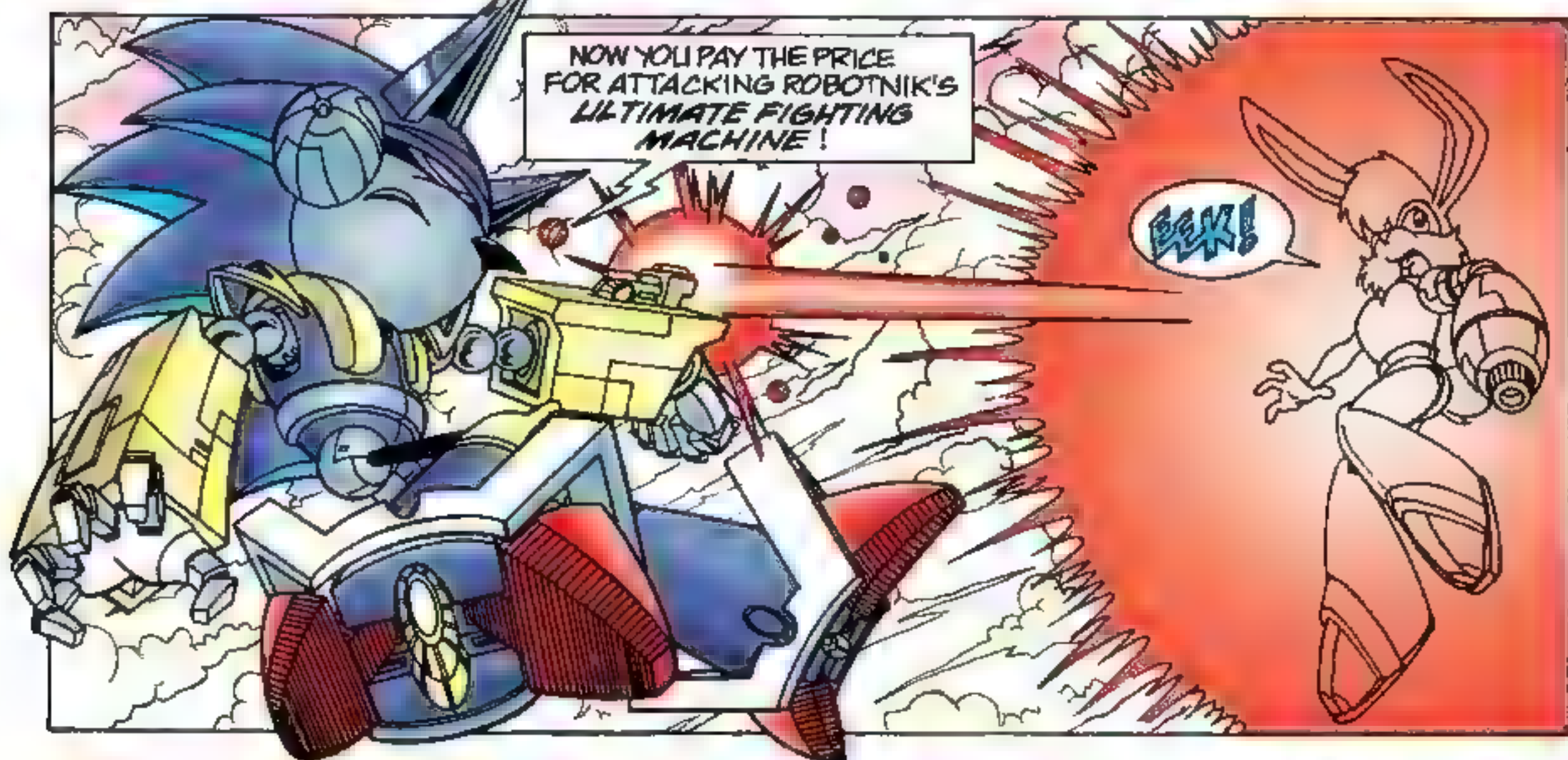
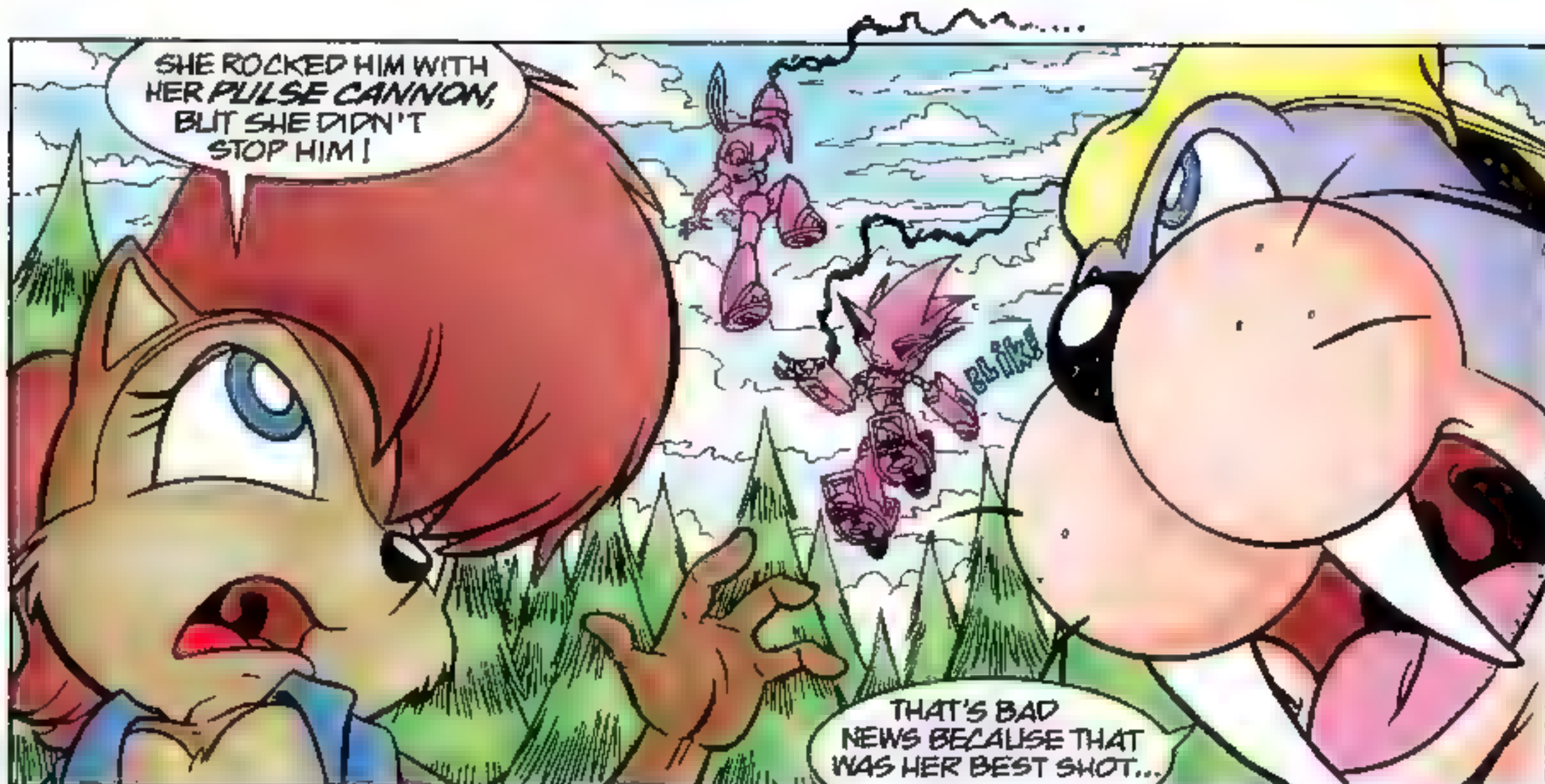
NO—AS A MATTER
OF FACT, YOU CONTAIN
ALL THE NECESSARY
PARTS...

I HAD TO ASK...









SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS NO MORE!
CITIZENS OF KNOTHOLE--
PREPARE TO BE ELIMINATED
BY MECHA-SONIC!

RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE

PART V

SUGGESTED

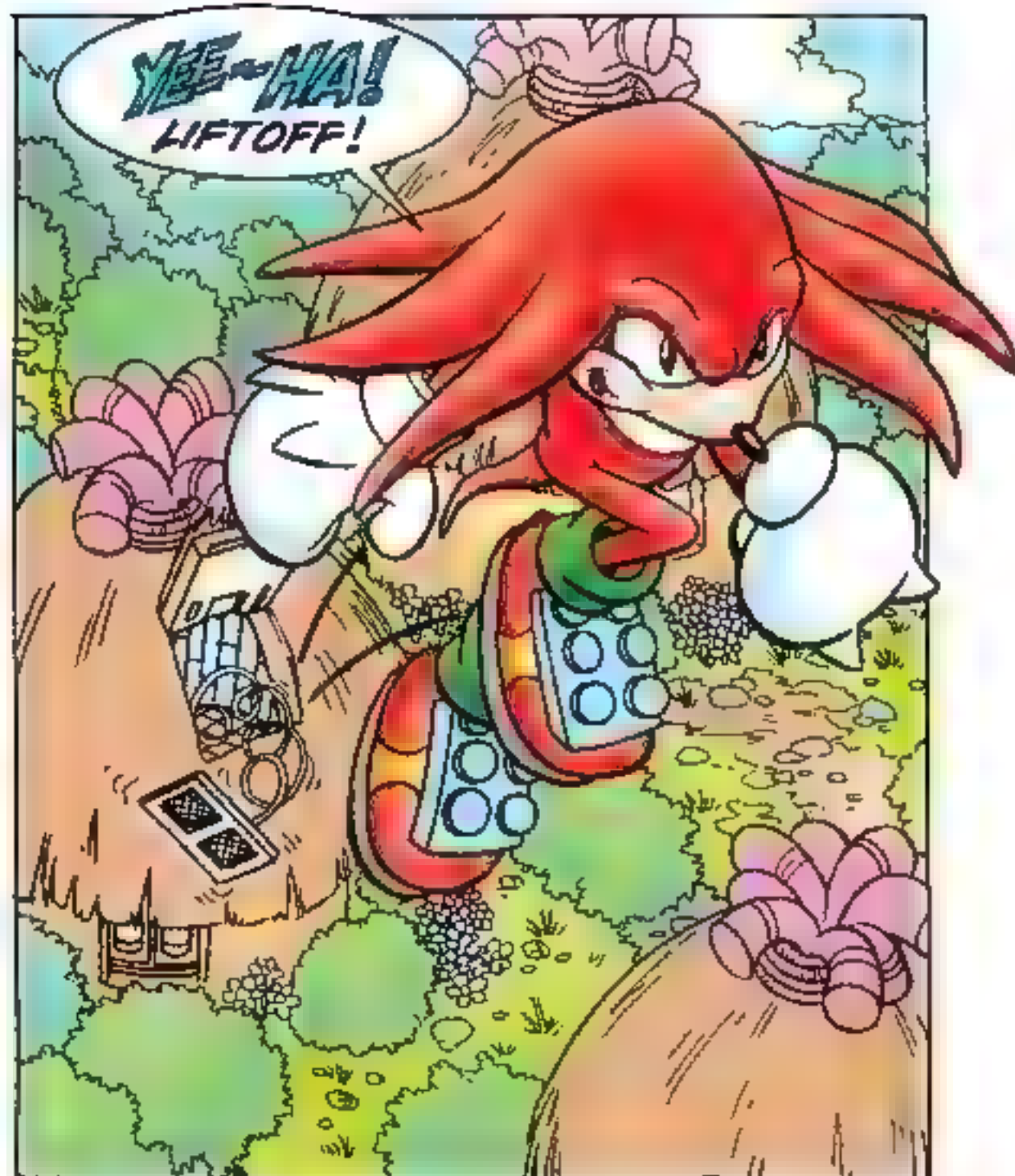
HE'S COMING
TOWARDS THE VILLAGE
FAST AND FURIOUS!
YOU'RE OUR LAST AND
BEST HOPE!

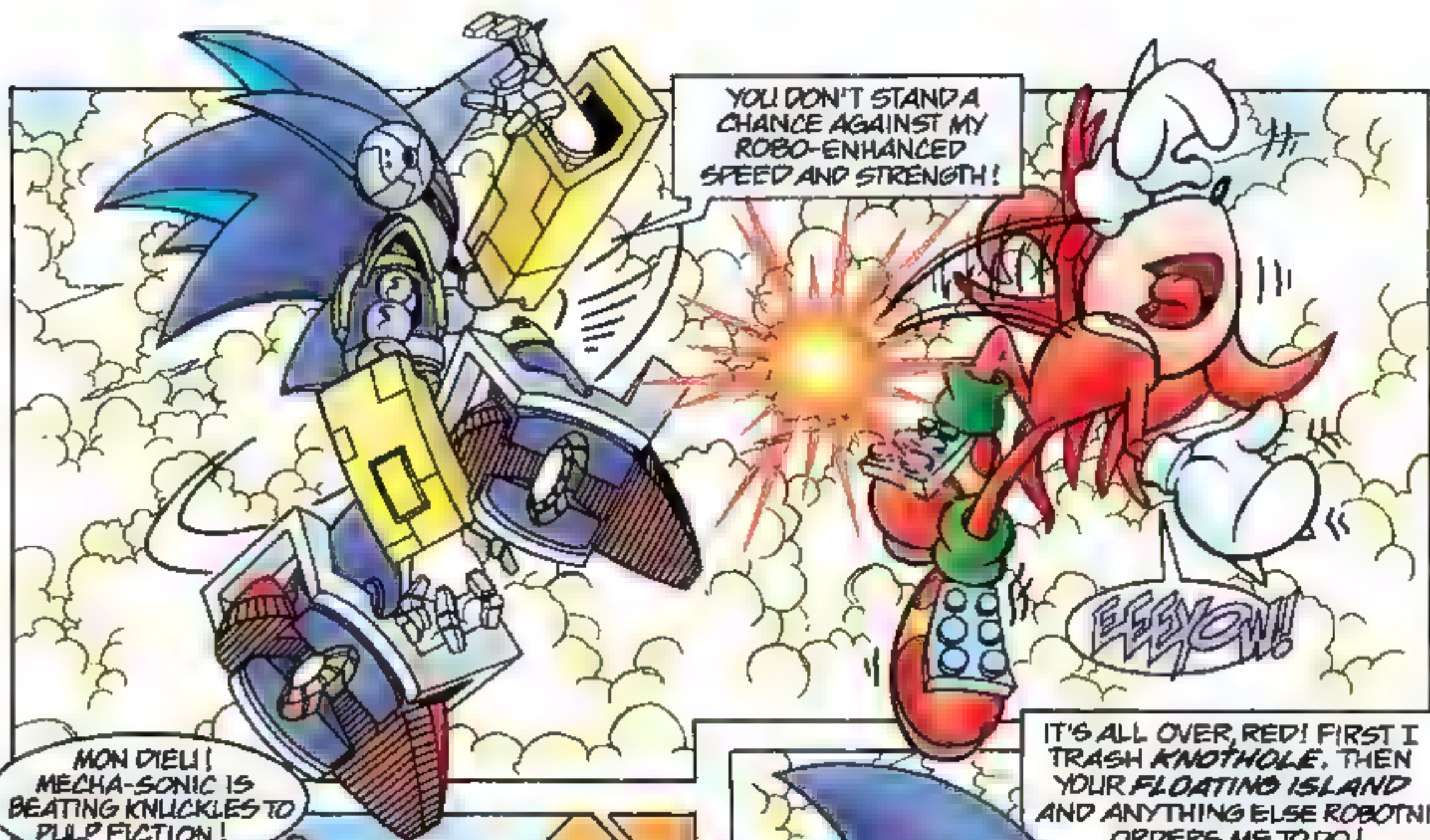
REALLY?

I DON'T
NORMALLY "GET
INVOLVED," BUT PRINCESS
SALLY ACORN AND I GO
BACK A LONG WAY...

YOUR GREAT-
GRANDFATHER DIDN'T
MENTION THAT TO ME,*
BUT I'M GLAD YOU'RE
HERE...

*TAILS MET ATHAIR, KNUCKLES' ANCESTOR,
IN THE TAILS MINI-SERIES, REMEMBER?
EDITOR



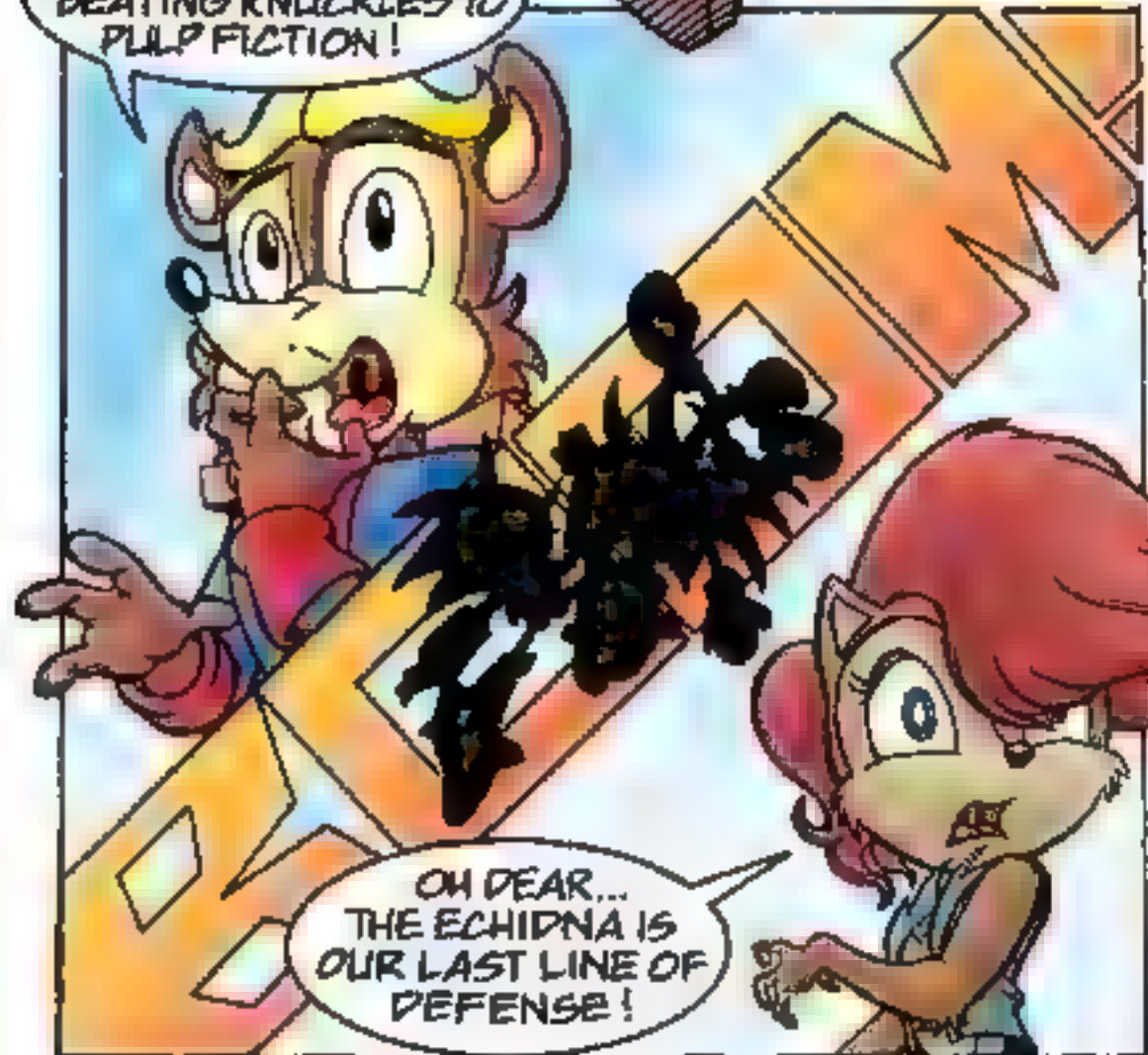


YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST MY ROBO-ENHANCED SPEED AND STRENGTH!

EEYOW!

MON DIEU! MECHA-SONIC IS BEATING KNUCKLES TO PULP FICTION!

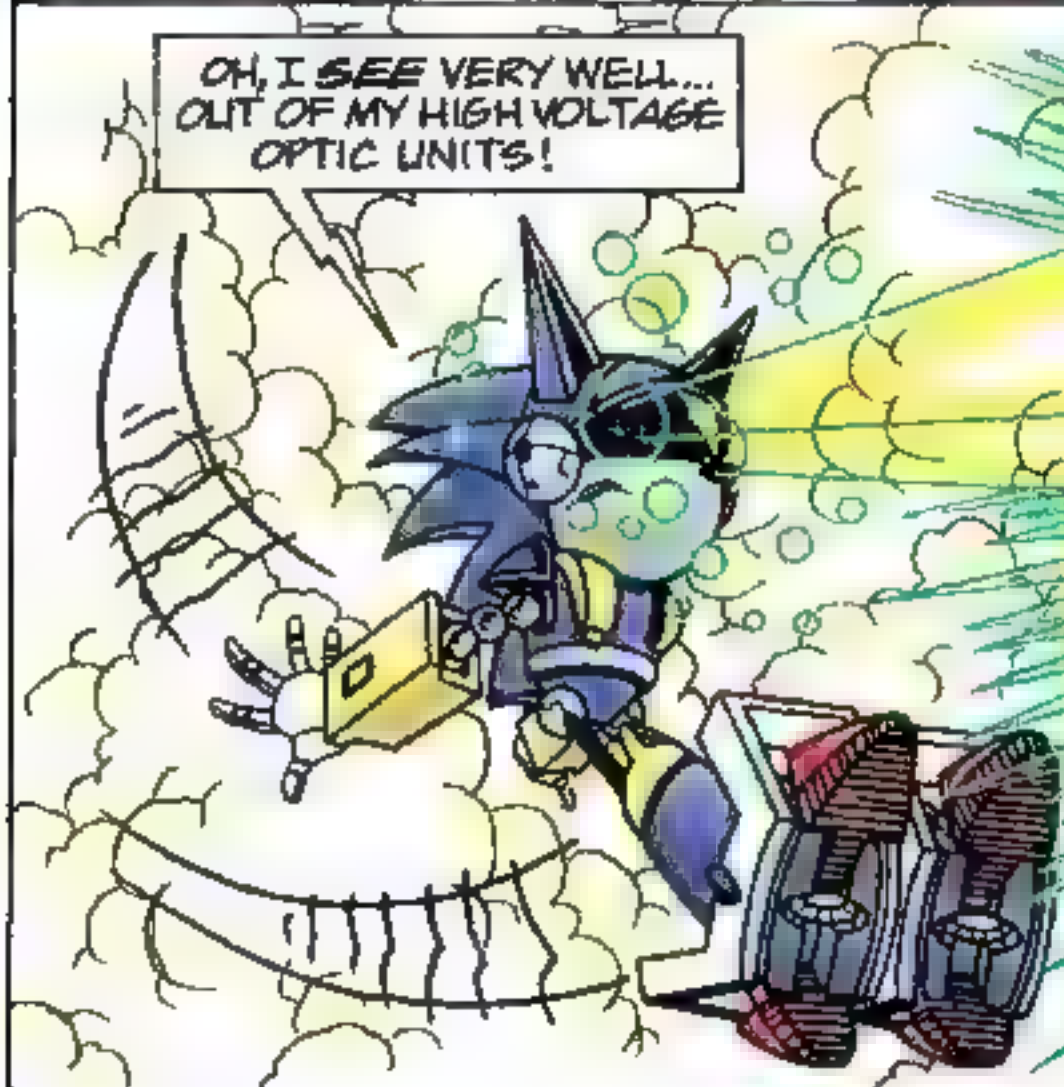
IT'S ALL OVER, RED! FIRST I TRASH KNOTHOLE, THEN YOUR FLOATING ISLAND AND ANYTHING ELSE ROBOTNIK ORDERS ME TO DO!



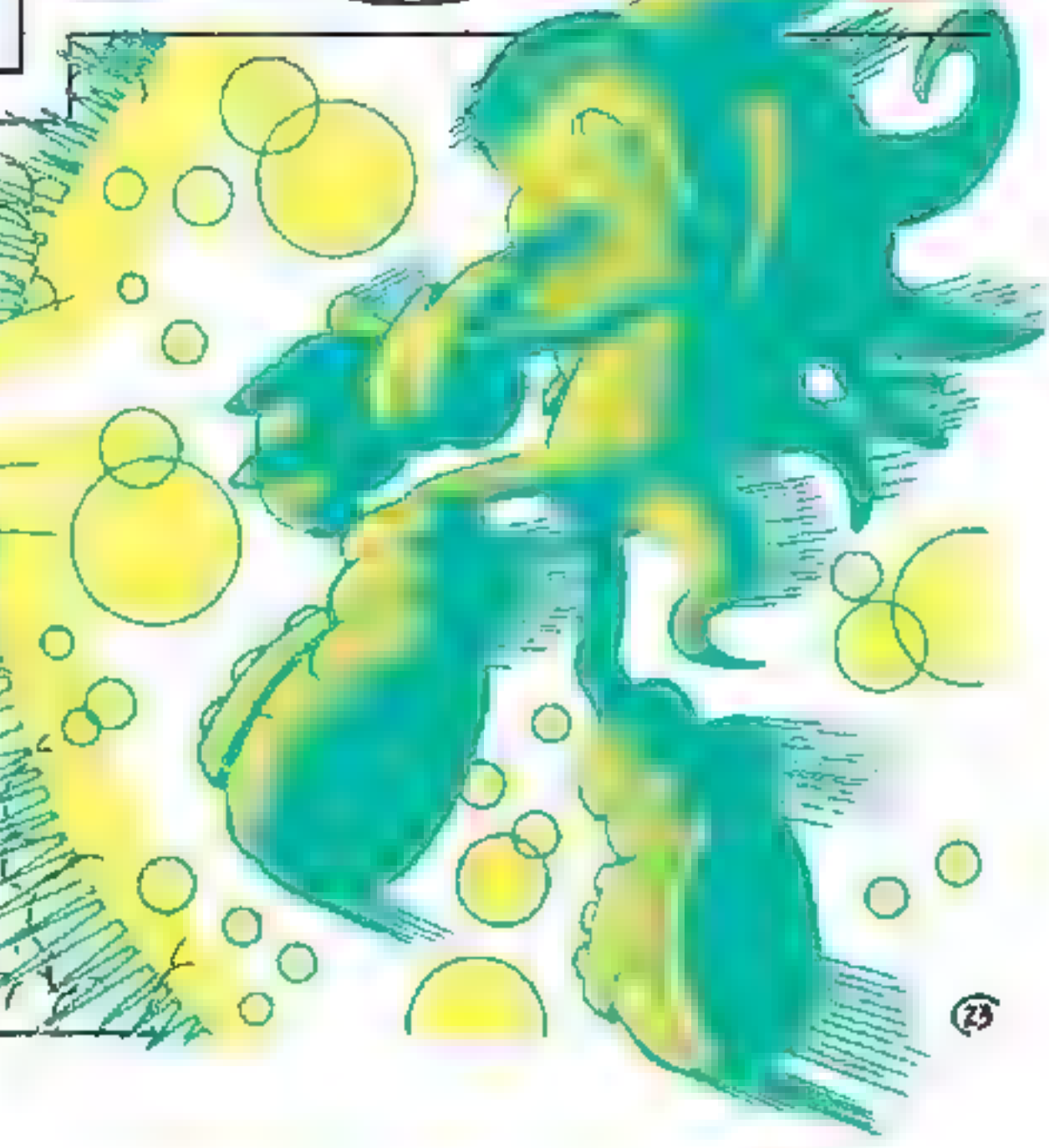
OH DEAR... THE ECHIDNA IS OUR LAST LINE OF DEFENSE!

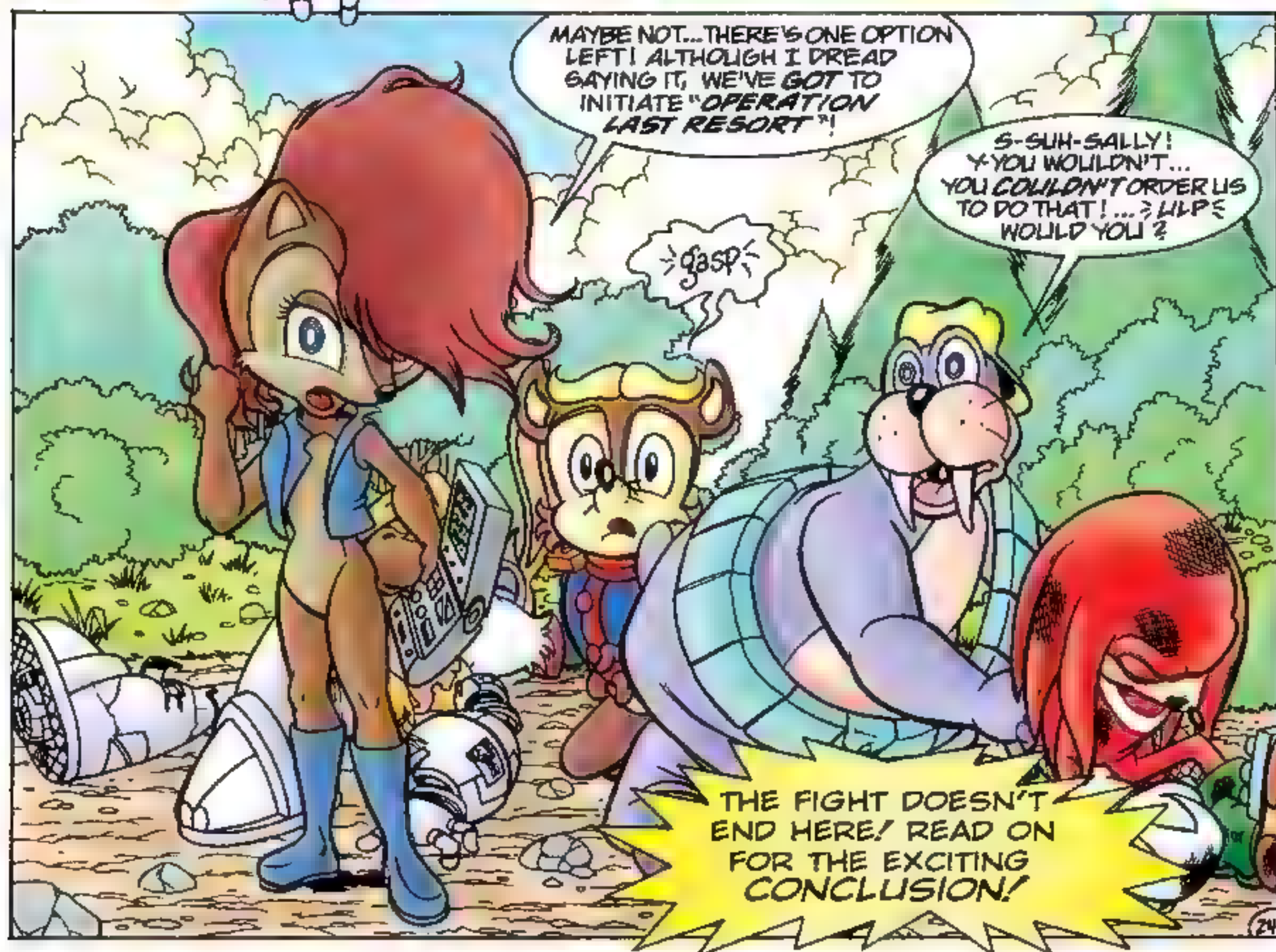
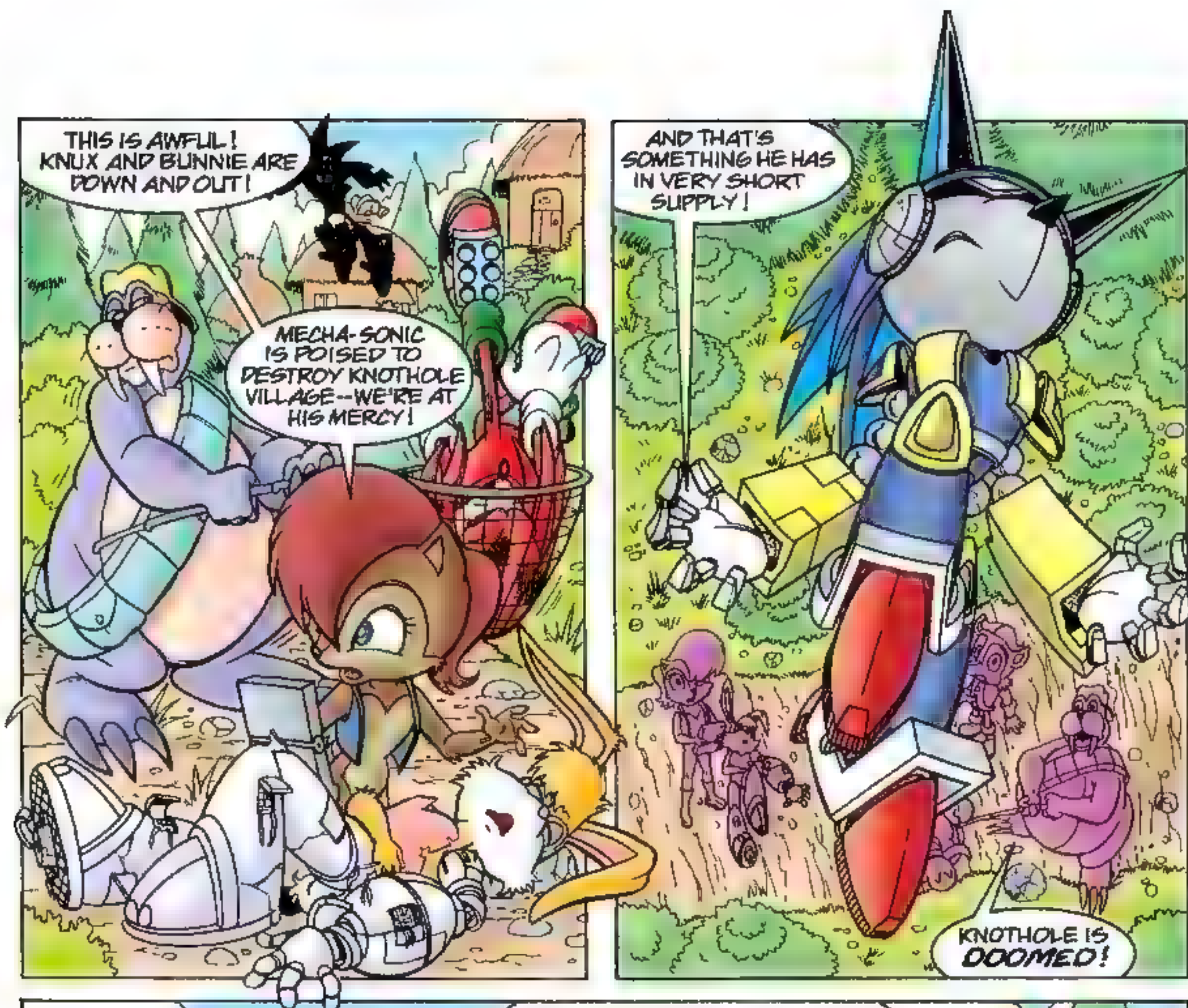


>KOFF< NO ROBOT CAN WHIP ME, SEE?



OH, I SEE VERY WELL... OUT OF MY HIGH VOLTAGE OPTIC UNITS!





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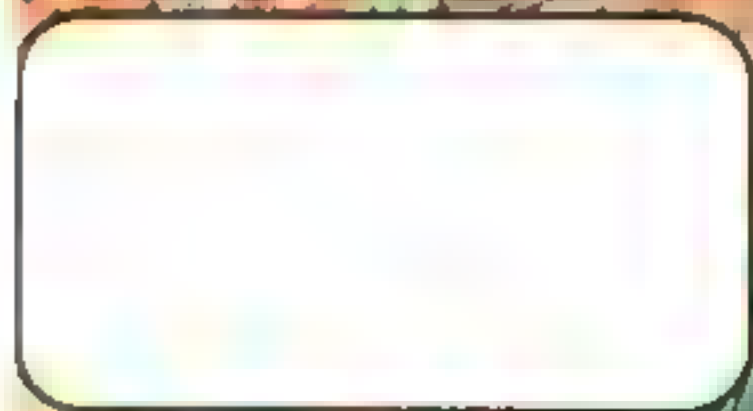
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COLLECTOR'S
EDITION!

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MECHA

WADNESS

SPECIAL



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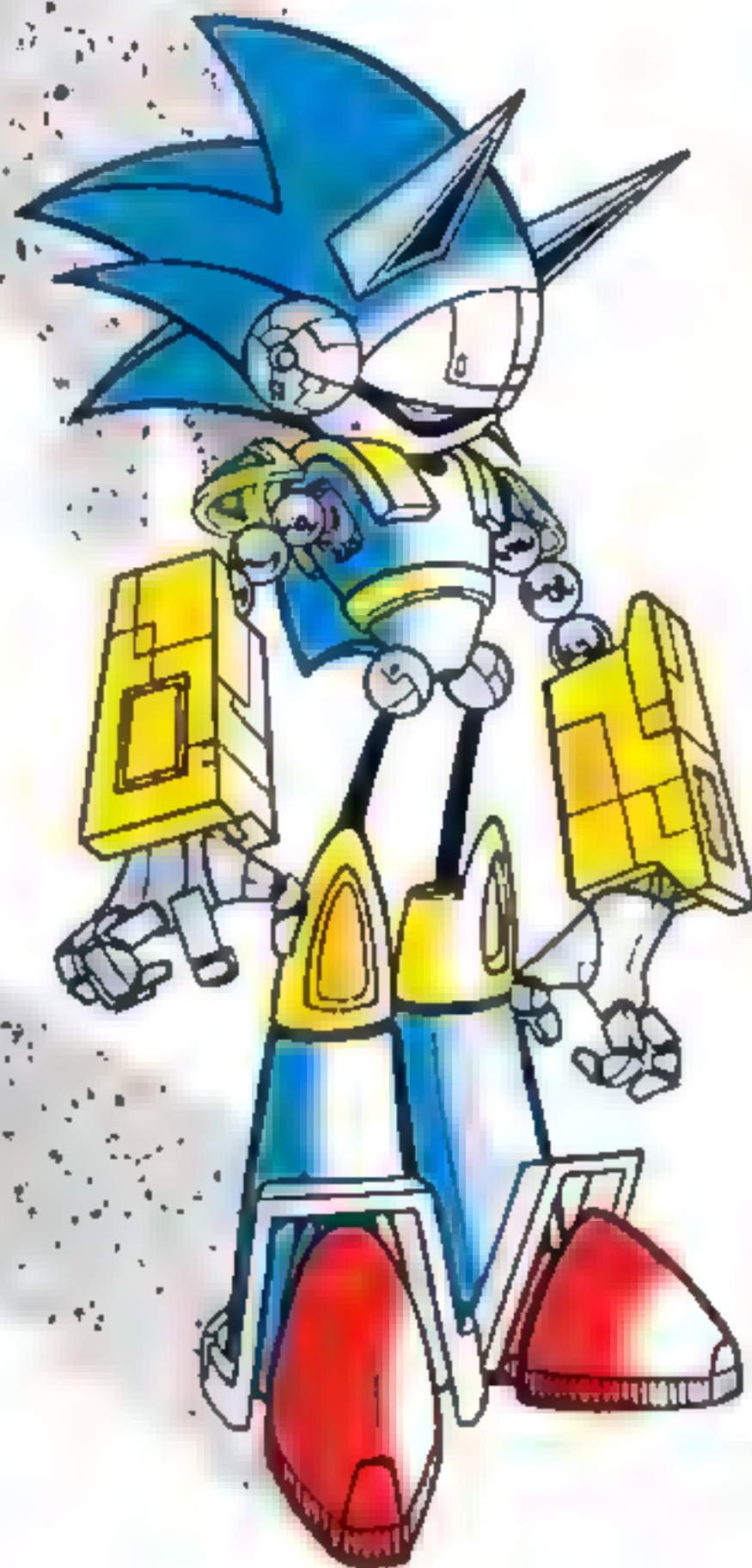


in "Don't Let The
Island Hit You
On The Way Down!"

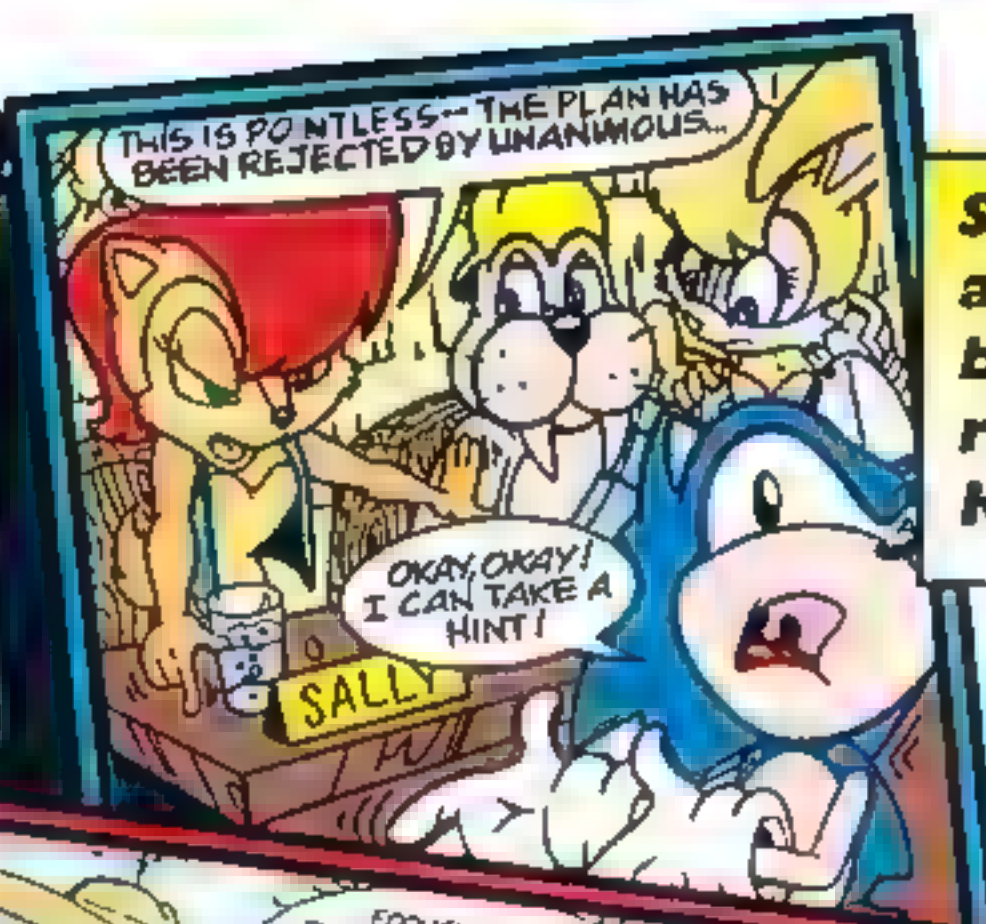
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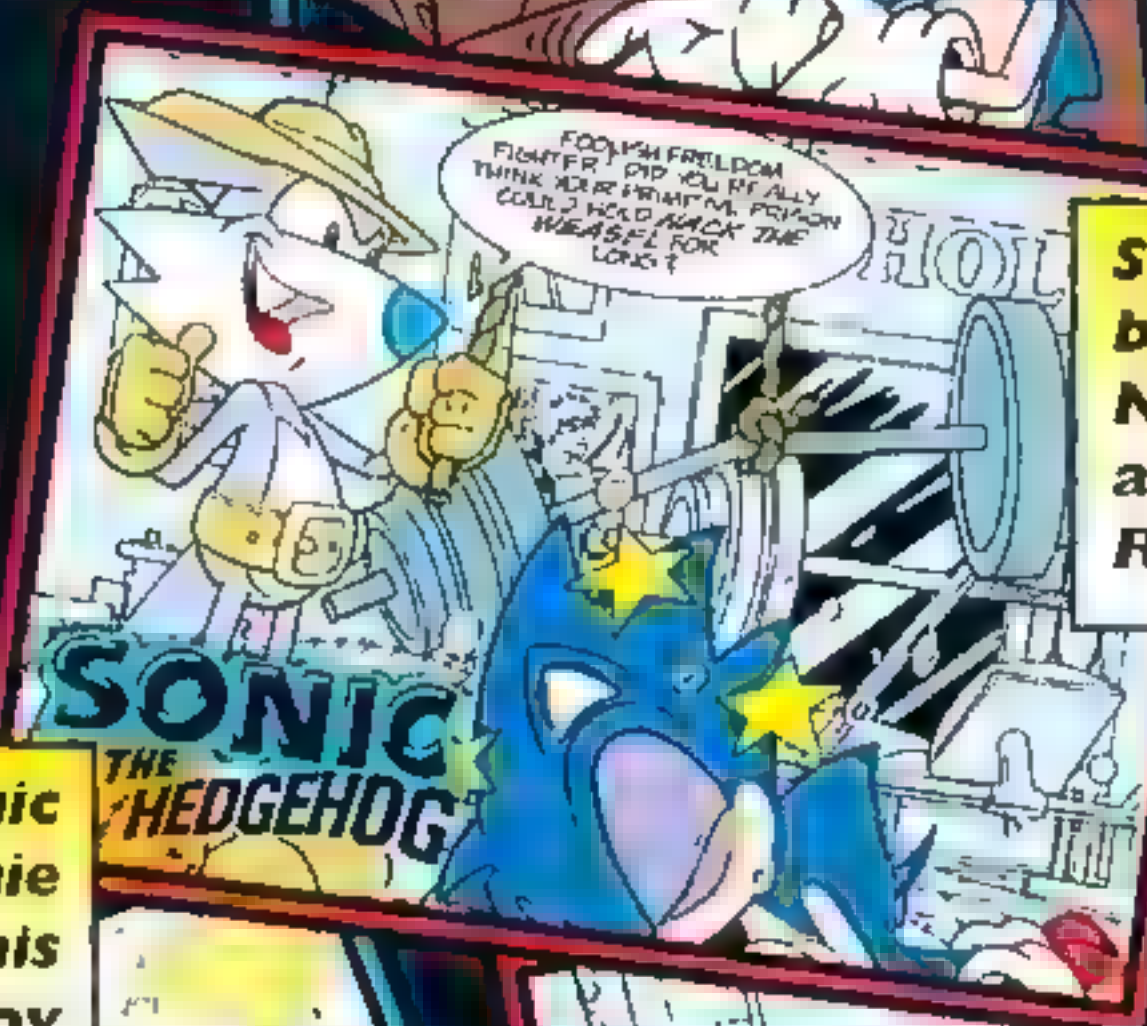
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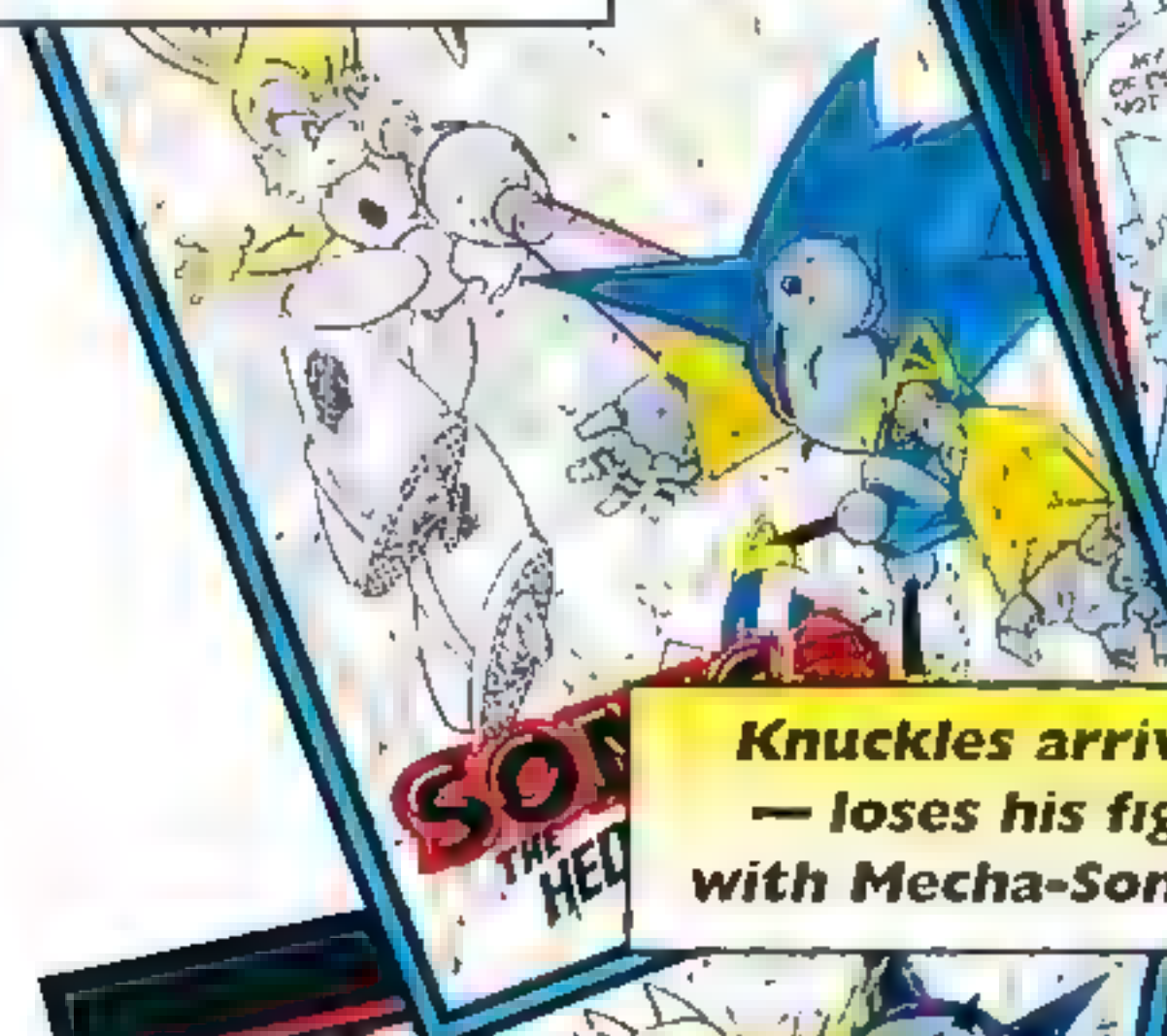
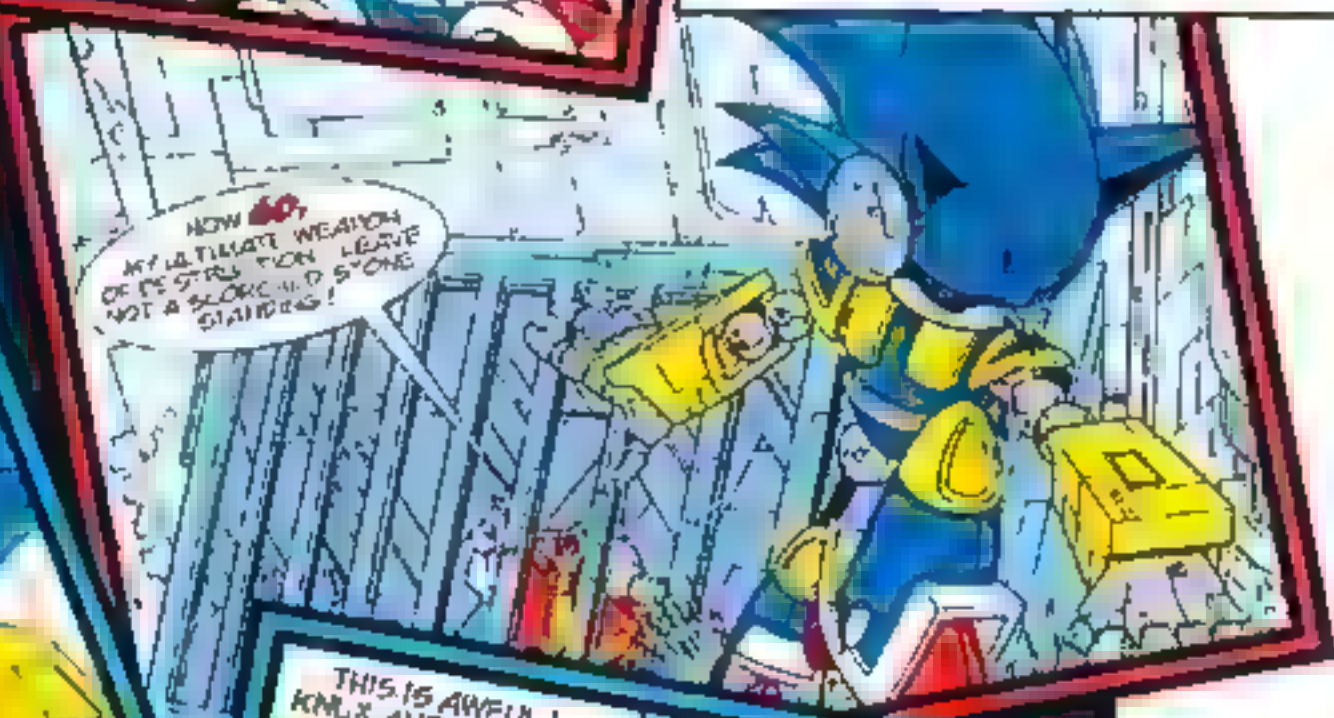
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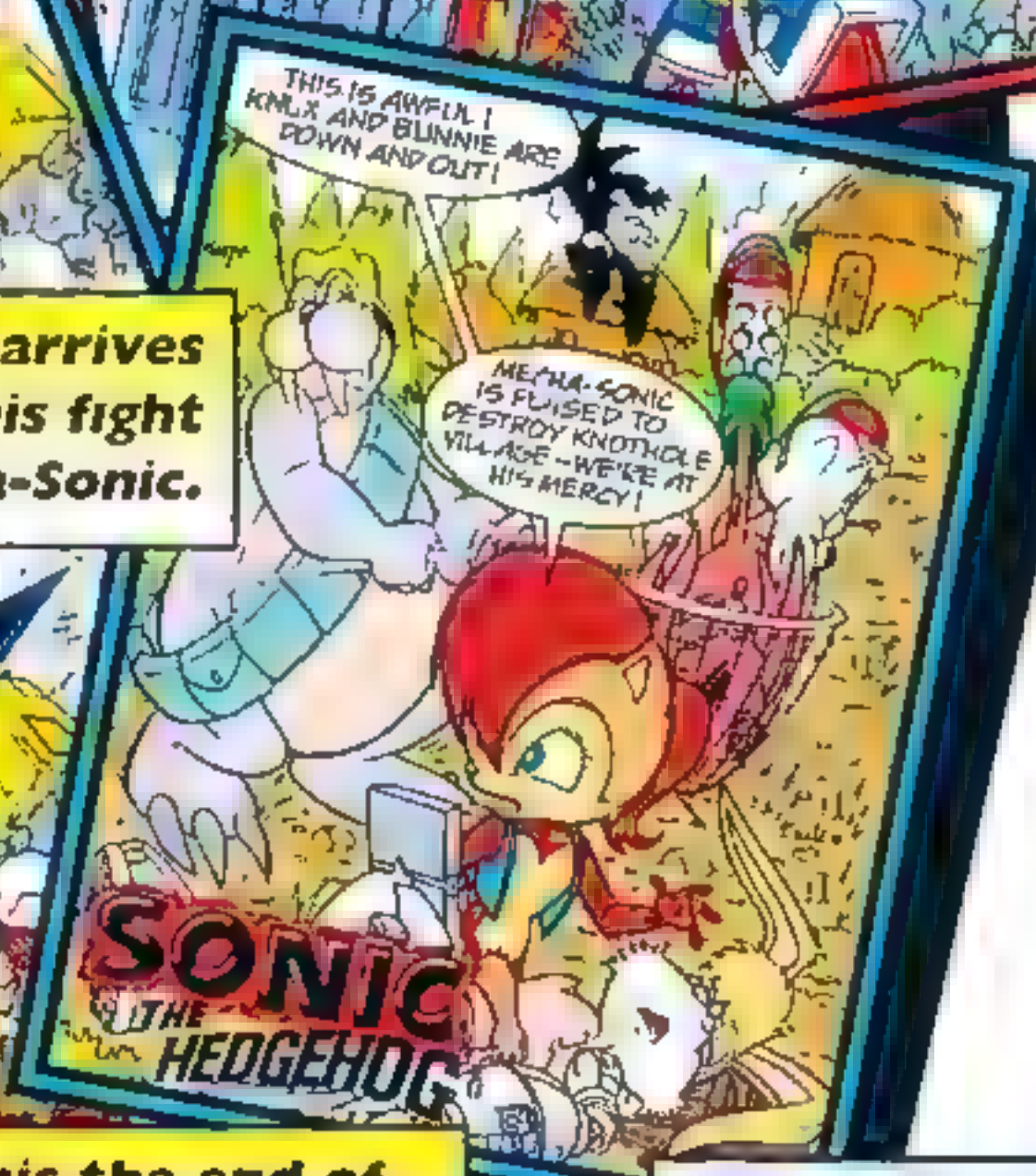
Sonic is ambushed by escaped convict, Nack the Weasel, and taken to Robotropolis.

Mecha-Sonic battles Bunnie Rabbot on his way to destroy Knothole Village!

Robotnik finally creates the "real" Mecha-Sonic.



Knuckles arrives — loses his fight with Mecha-Sonic.



Is this the end of the Freedom Fighters?

**Describing events in Sonic #39*

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

IS ABOUT TO TRASH
KNOTHOLE!

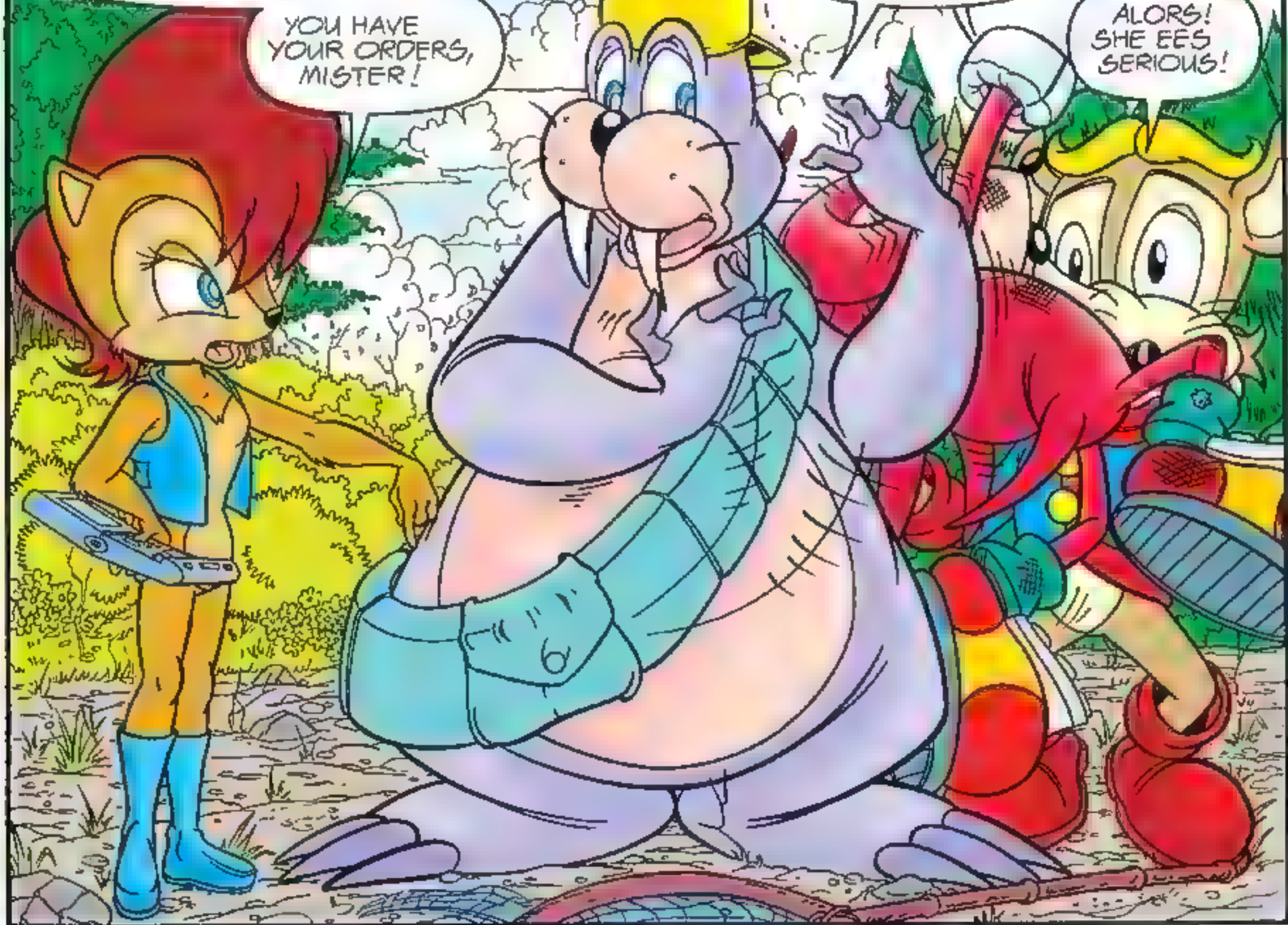
MECHA MADNESS

PART 1

YOU HAVE
YOUR ORDERS,
MISTER!

WHELP-Y-YES,
YOUR M-MAJESTY!
CATCH, 'TWAN!

ALORS!
SHE EES
SERIOUS!

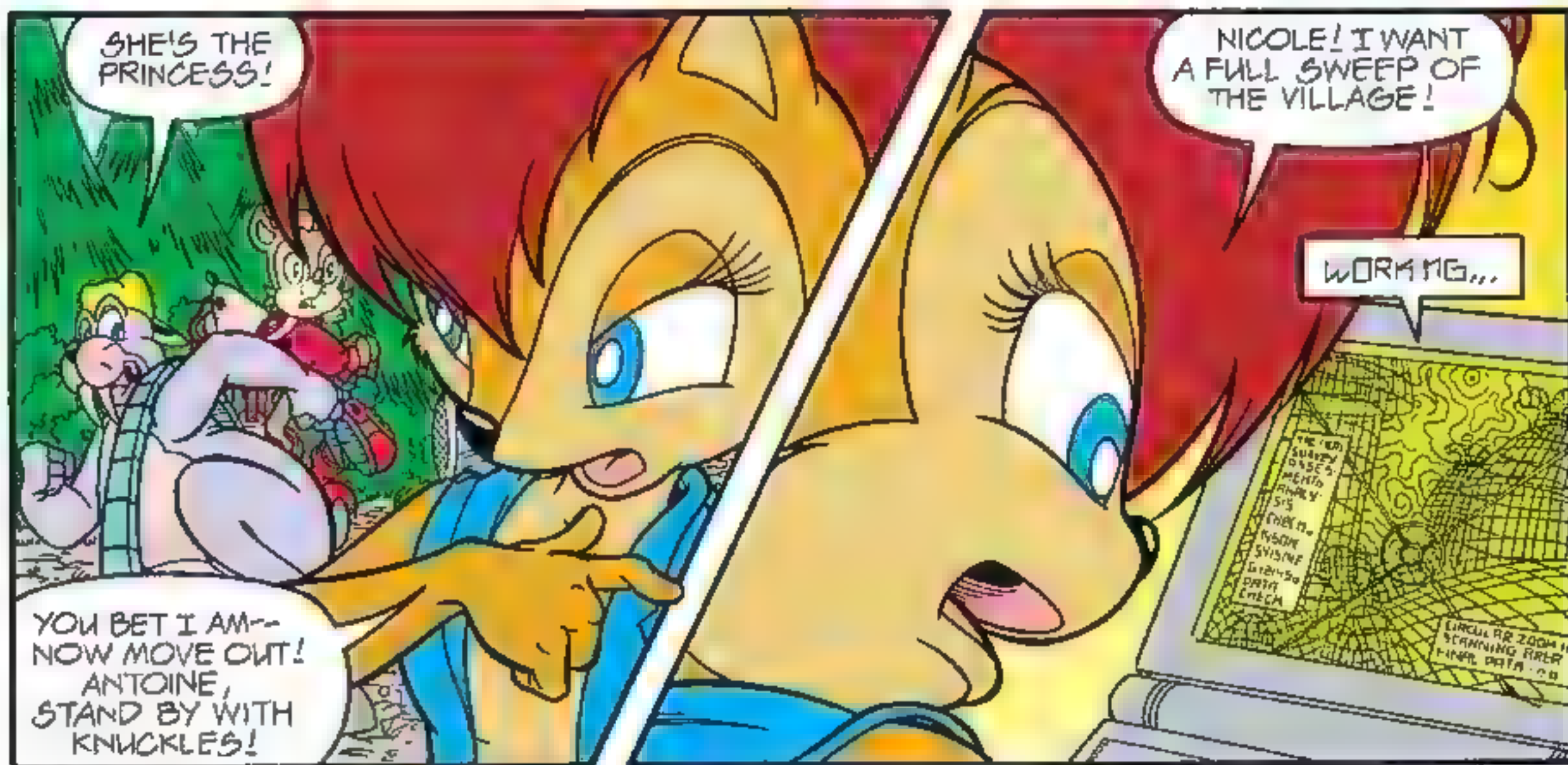


SHE'S THE
PRINCESS!

NICOLE! I WANT
A FULL SWEEP OF
THE VILLAGE!

WORKING...

YOU BET I AM--
NOW MOVE OUT!
ANTOINE,
STAND BY WITH
KNUCKLES!





AS YOU COMMANDED,
KNOTHOLE HAS BEEN
EVACUATED!*

MECHA-SONIC IS
INFLECTING HEAVY
DAMAGE, BUT IT'S
ALL STRUCTURAL.

*SALLY GAVE TAILS THE
CODED ORDER IN SONIC#39
--EDITOR

SKRA-
TOON

I CAN'T BELIEVE
HE DISOBEYED A
DIRECT ORDER! SONIC'S
BEHAVIOR BORDERS
ON MUTINY!

I WEEEL BE
HAPPY TO FORM
A SUB-COMMITTEE
AND START AN
INVESTIGATION!

DELAY THAT, BUSTER!
I'M GIVING THE ORDERS
HERE! ROTOR, BRING ME
THE 'BOTMAKER!

Shudder:

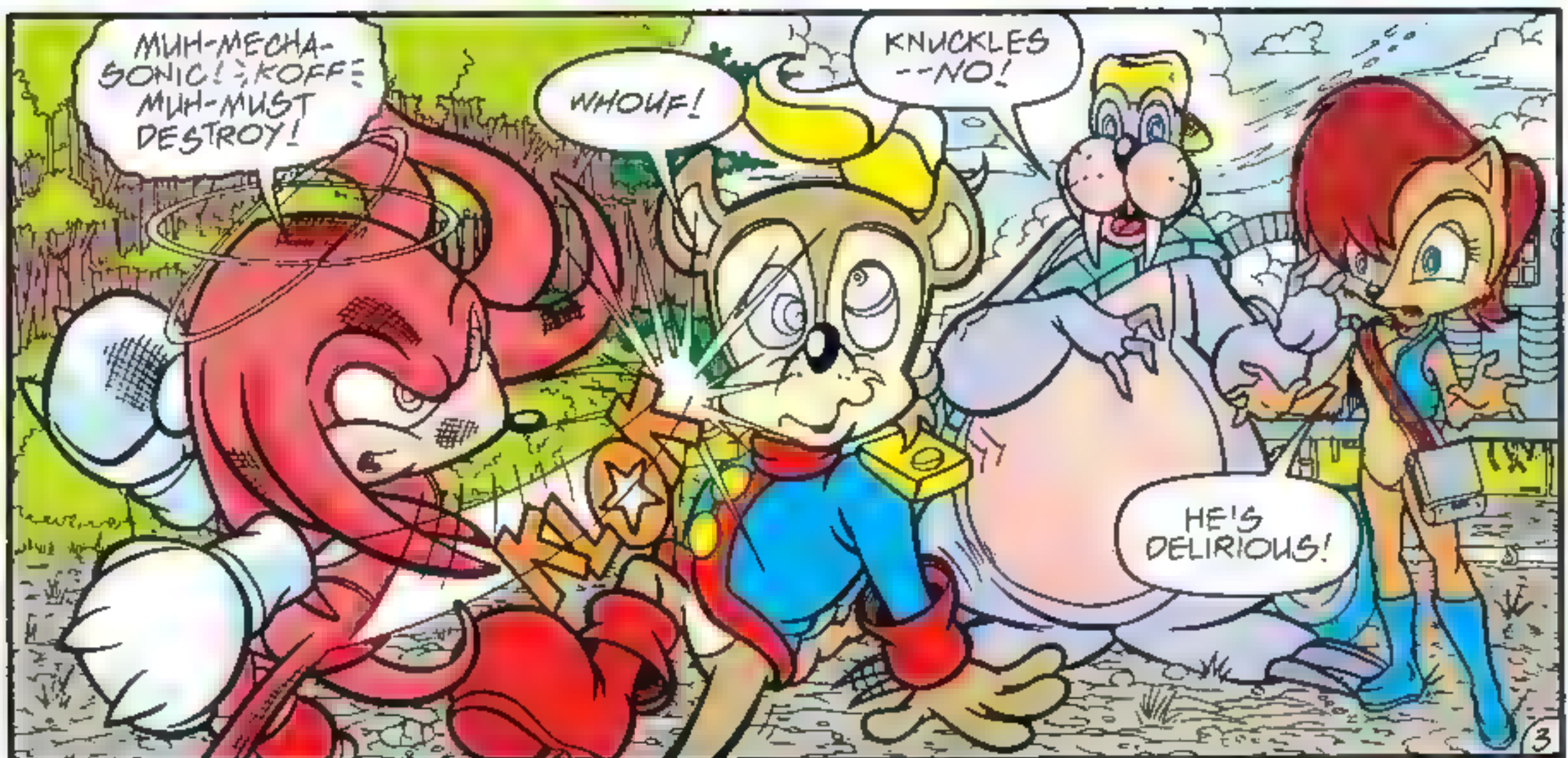
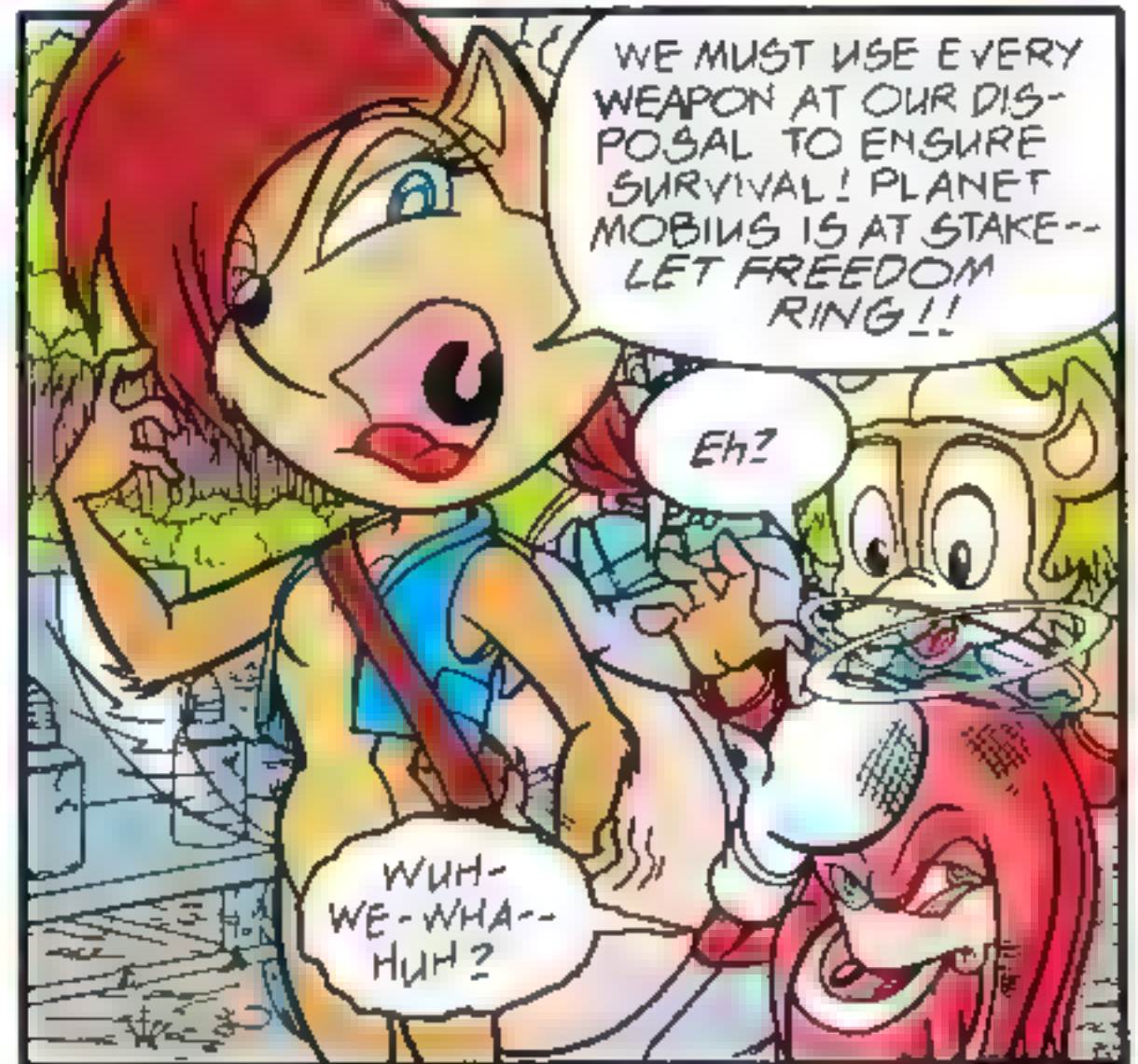
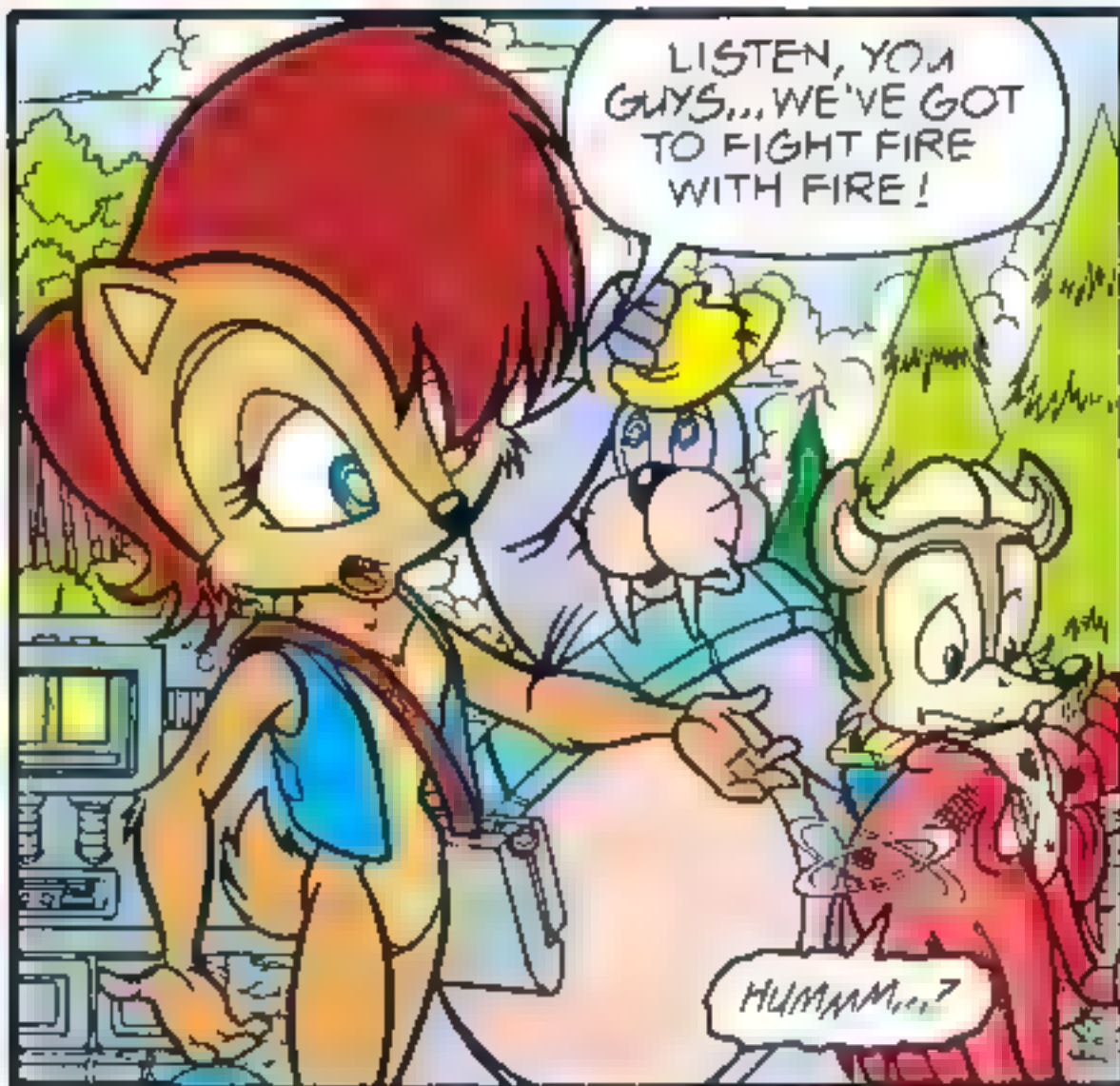
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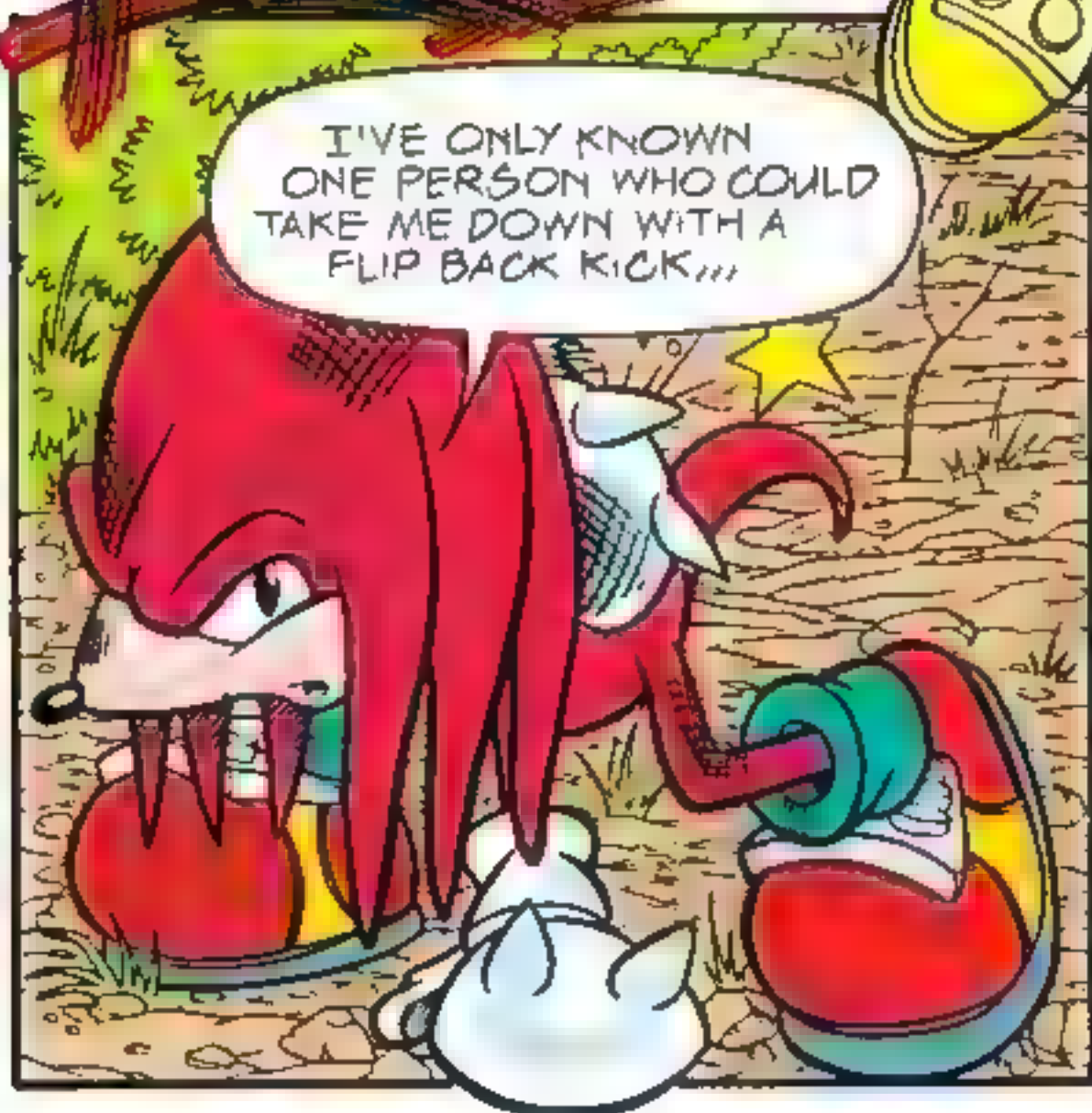
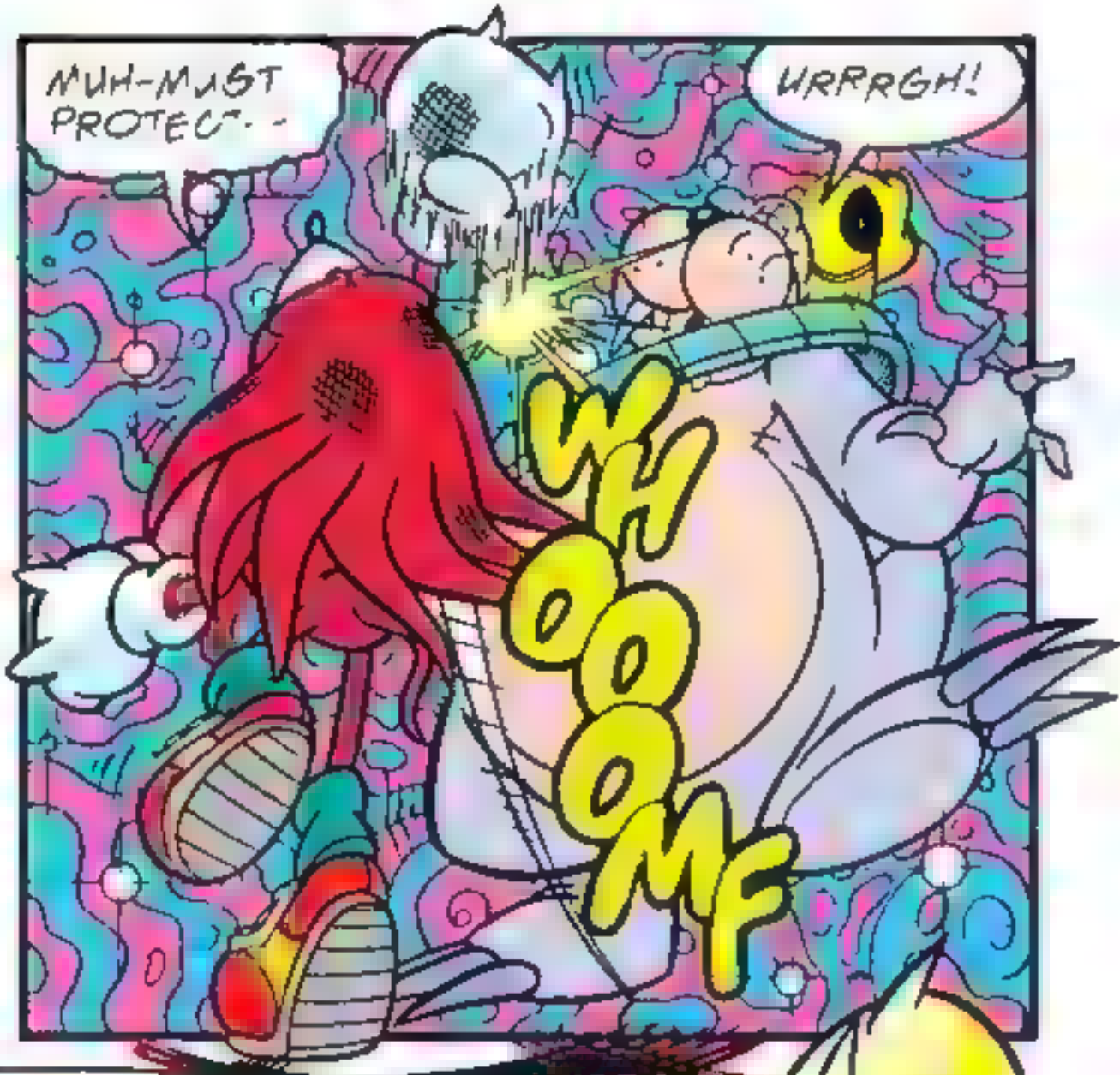
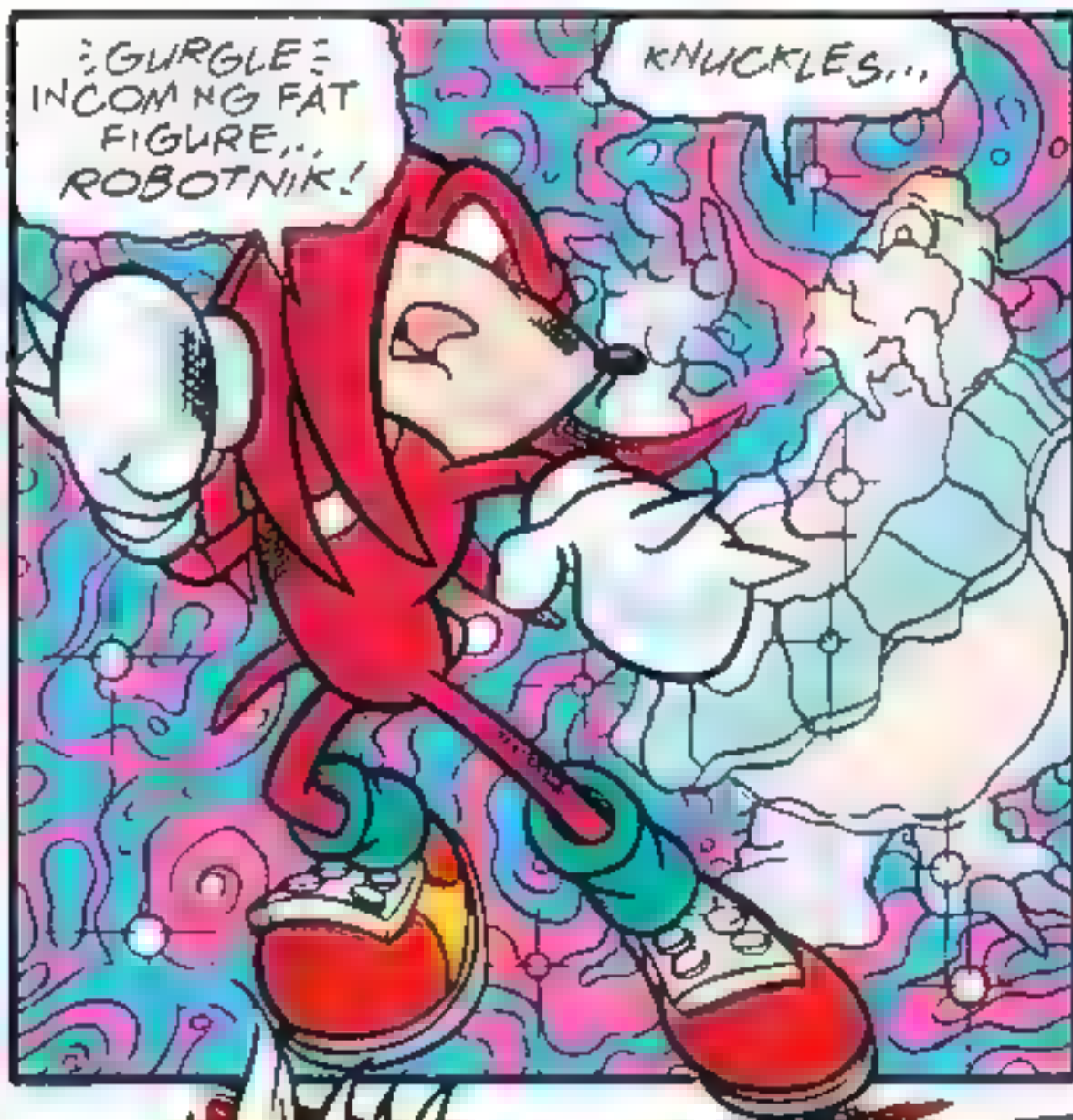
GIMME THE
SKINNY--IS THIS
THING READY
TO GO?

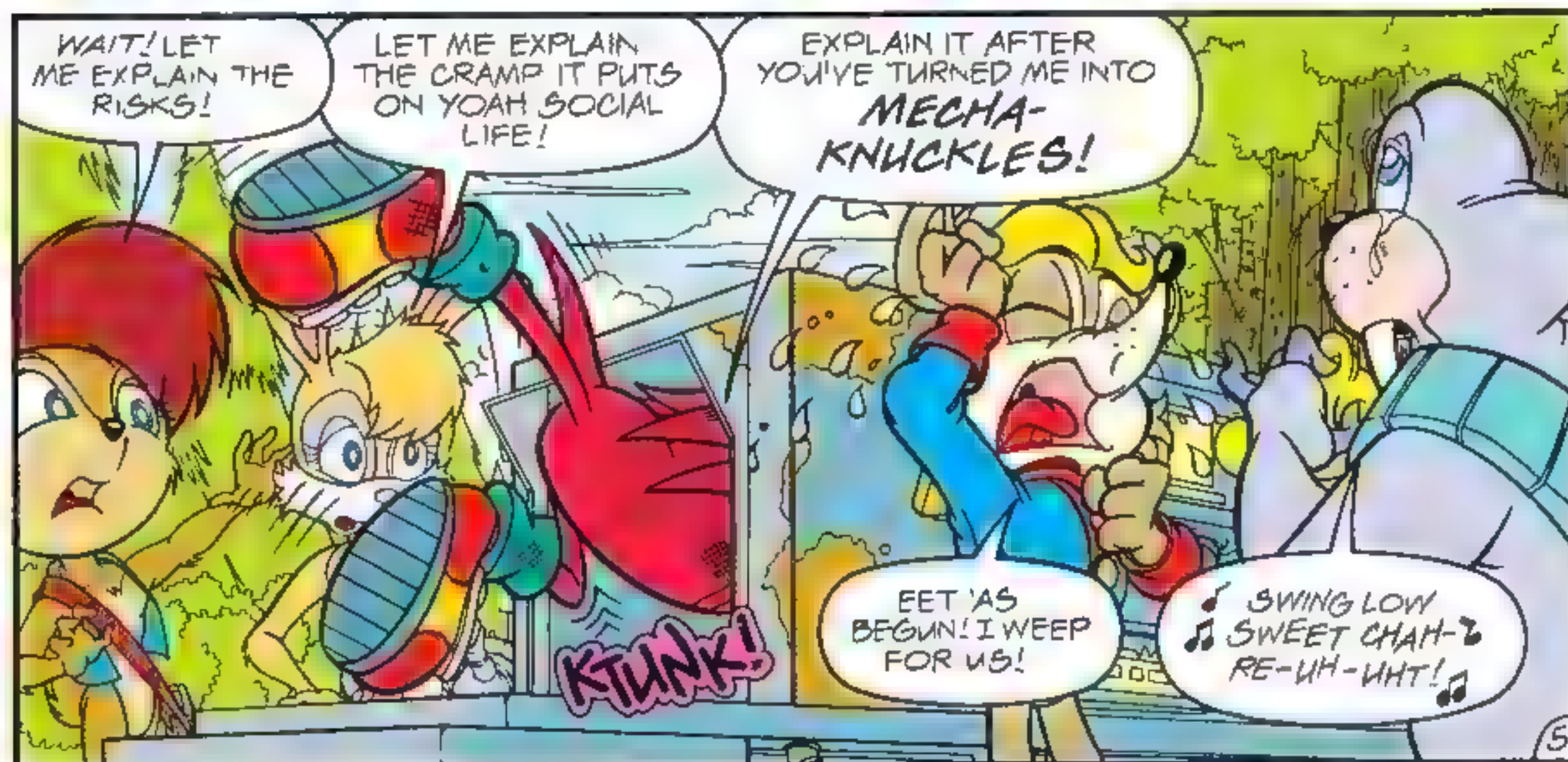
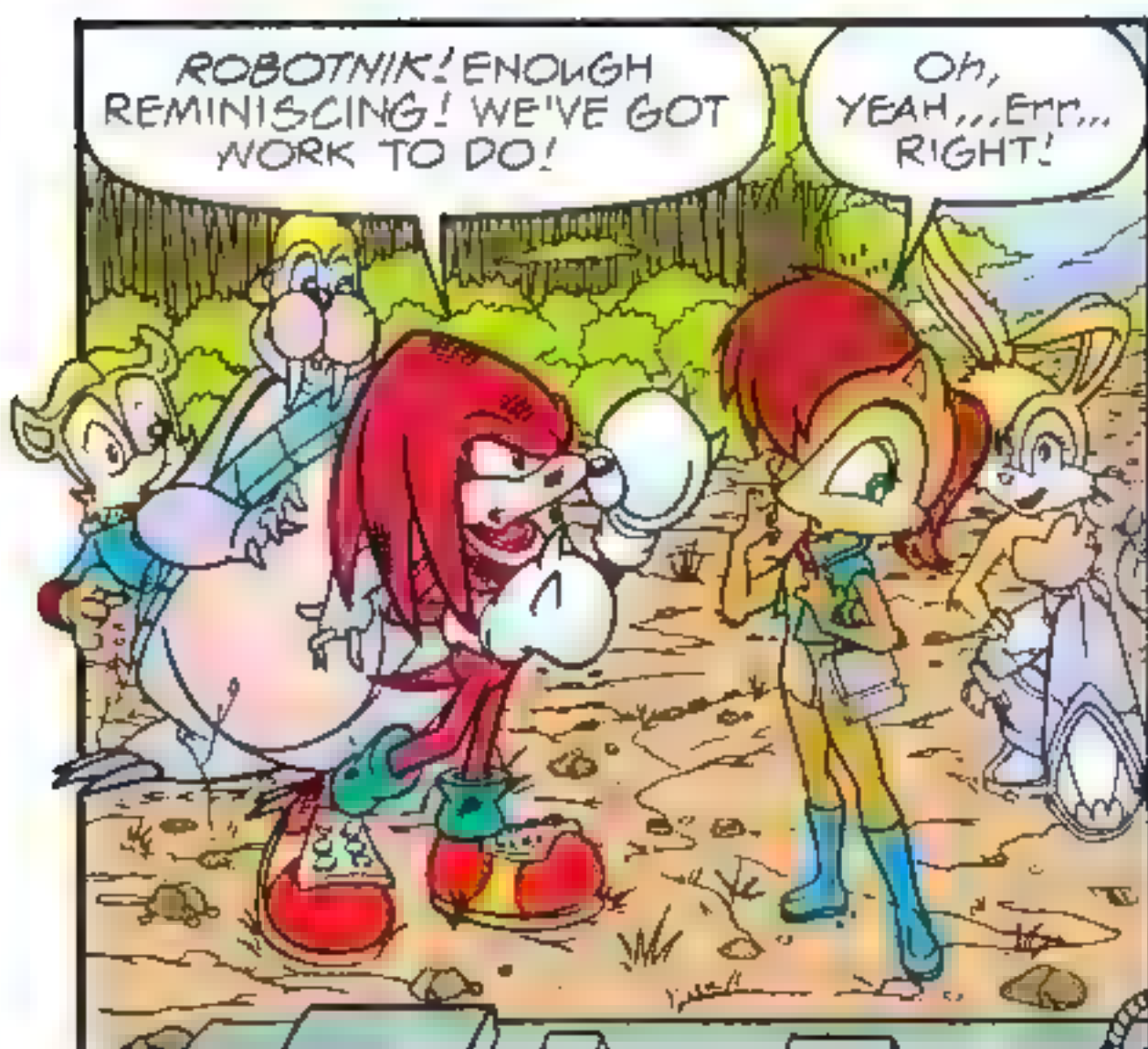
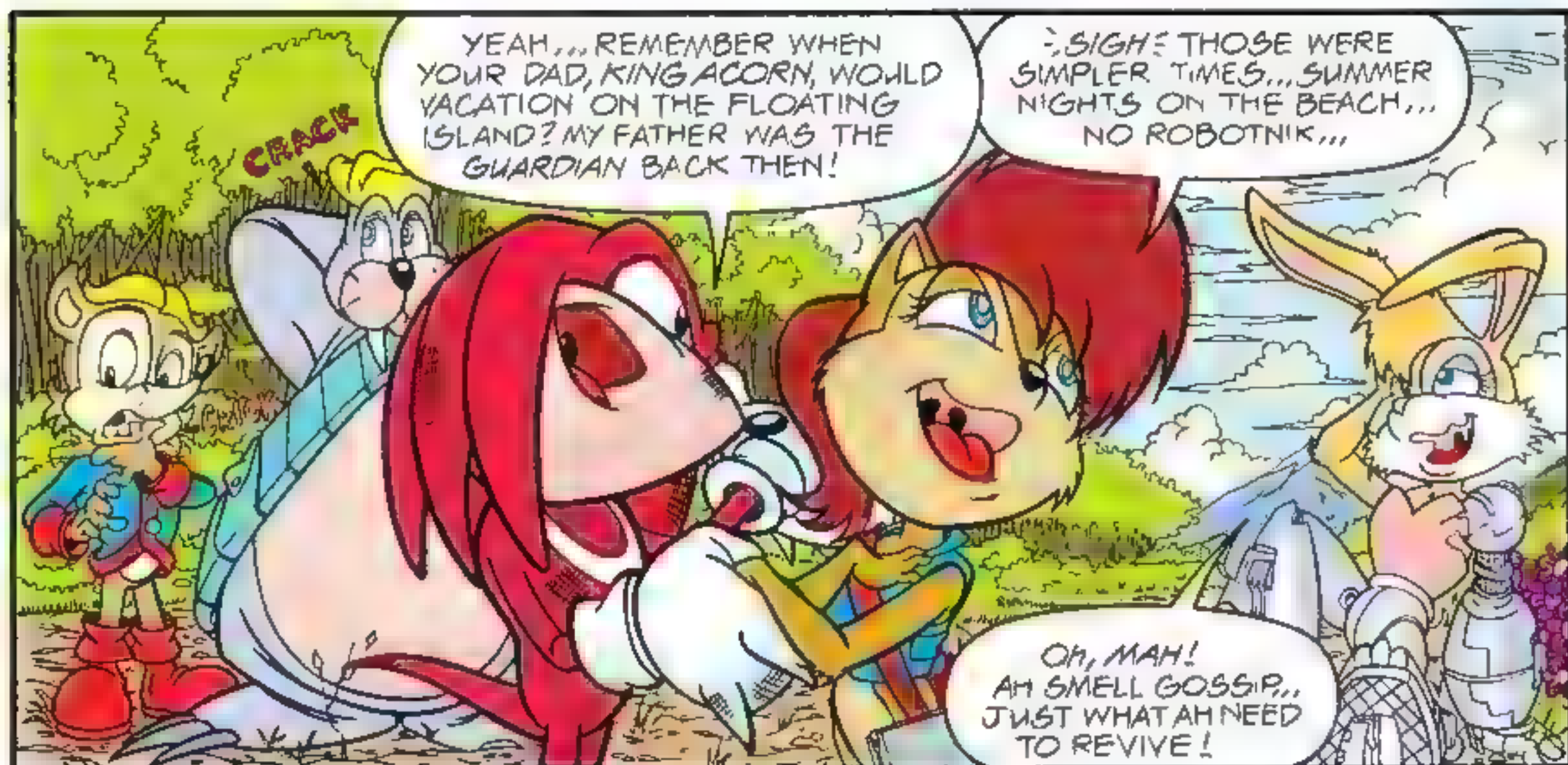
AS YOU KNOW, WE
ACQUIRED THIS "PORT-
O-BOT" FROM ROBOTNIK
AFTER OUR FIRST BUNNIE
RABBOT ENCOUNTER...

ALTHOUGH IT WAS
DAMAGED, I'VE BEEN
REPAIRING IT AS YOU
ORDERED... I THINK
IT'S OPERATIONAL!

YOU THEENK?
'AVE THEES THING
BEEN TESTED?







SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG

IS OBLITERATING KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE!

MECHA MADNESS

CRASH

IT'S A
GOOD THING I HAD
THE PLACE EVACUATED!
THERE'S NO ONE HERE
...EXCEPT...

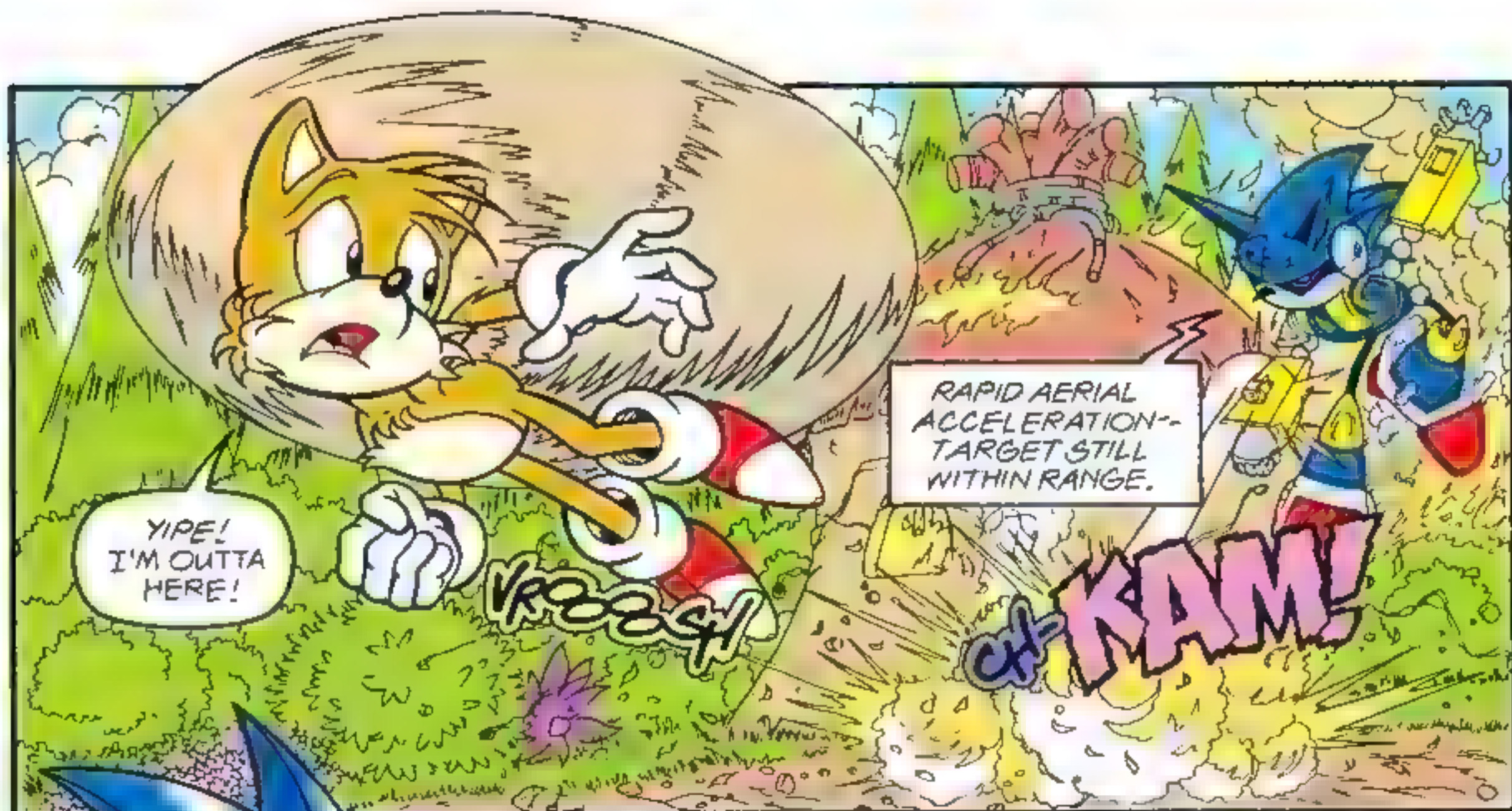
uh-
oh!

ME!

WHOOOP...
I'VE BEEN
SPOTTED!

FREEDOM
FIGHTER CODENAME:
TAILS!

ELIMINATE!

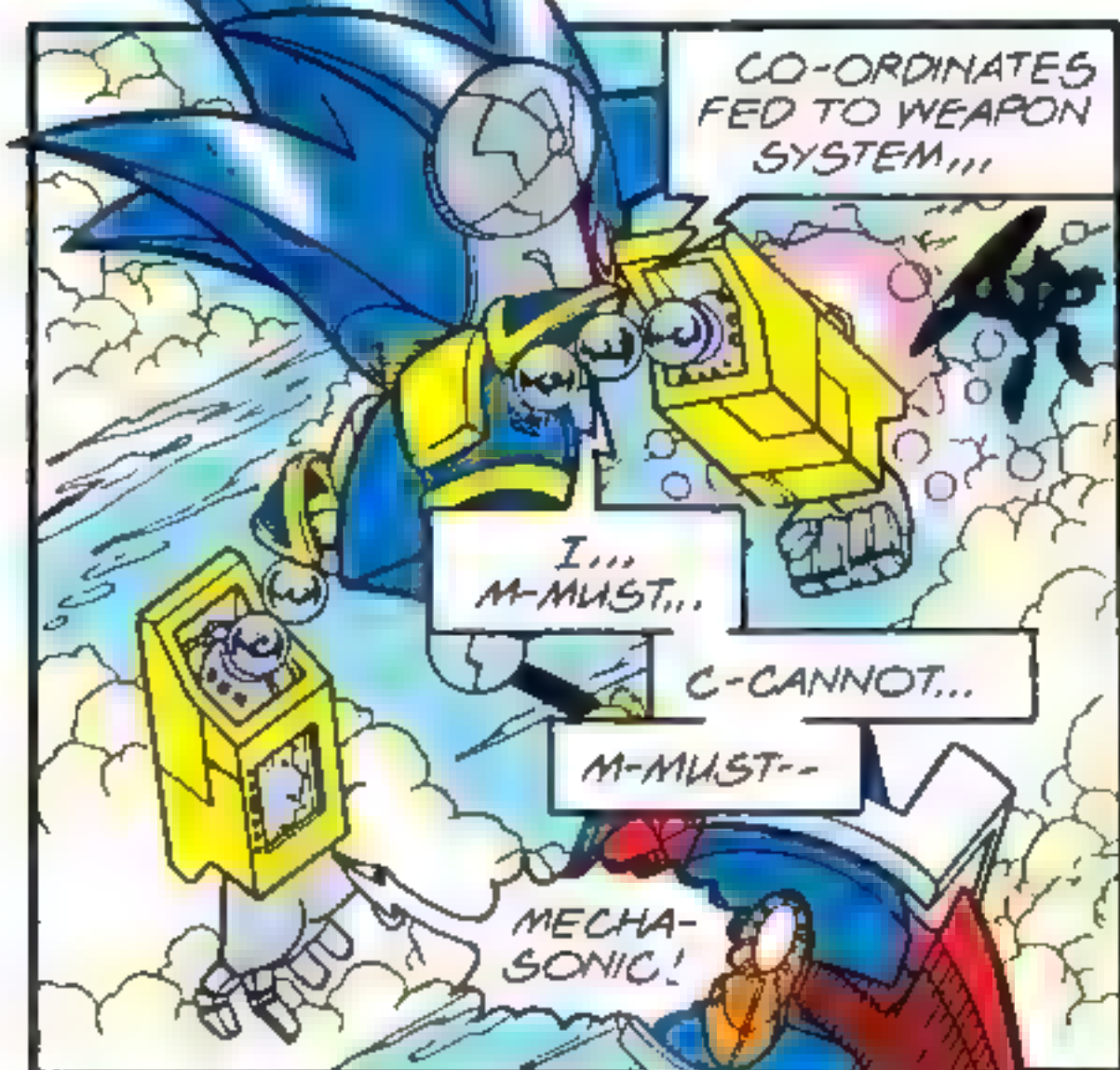


YIPE!
I'M OUTTA
HERE!

RAPID AERIAL
ACCELERATION--
TARGET STILL
WITHIN RANGE.

KROOEEY

OF KAM!



CO-ORDINATES
FED TO WEAPON
SYSTEM...

I...
M-MUST...

C-CANNOT...

M-MUST--

MECHA-
SONIC!



YES, LORD
ROBOTNIK?

DID I DETECT
SOME HESITATION? YOUR
ORDERS ARE TO WIPE
OUT ALL YOUR FORMER
ALLIES!



OH, NEVER MIND... I'LL
DO IT MYSELF! GIVE ME YOUR
CO-ORDINATES-- I'VE GOT
A STOCKPILE OF NUCLEAR
BOMBS I'M DYING TO USE!

S-SUH-
SEND YOU
THE LOCA-
TION--

--OF
KNOTHOLE?

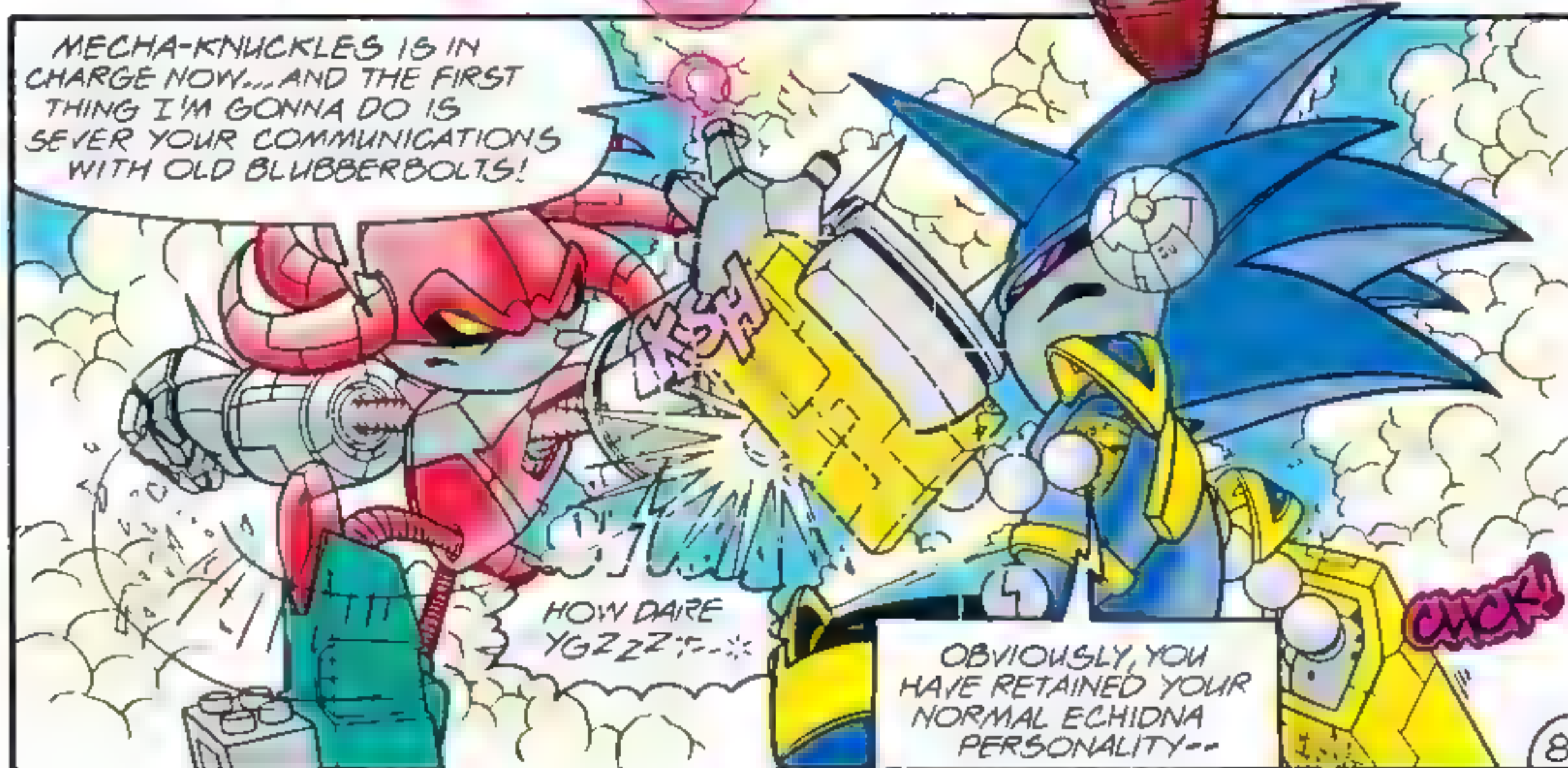
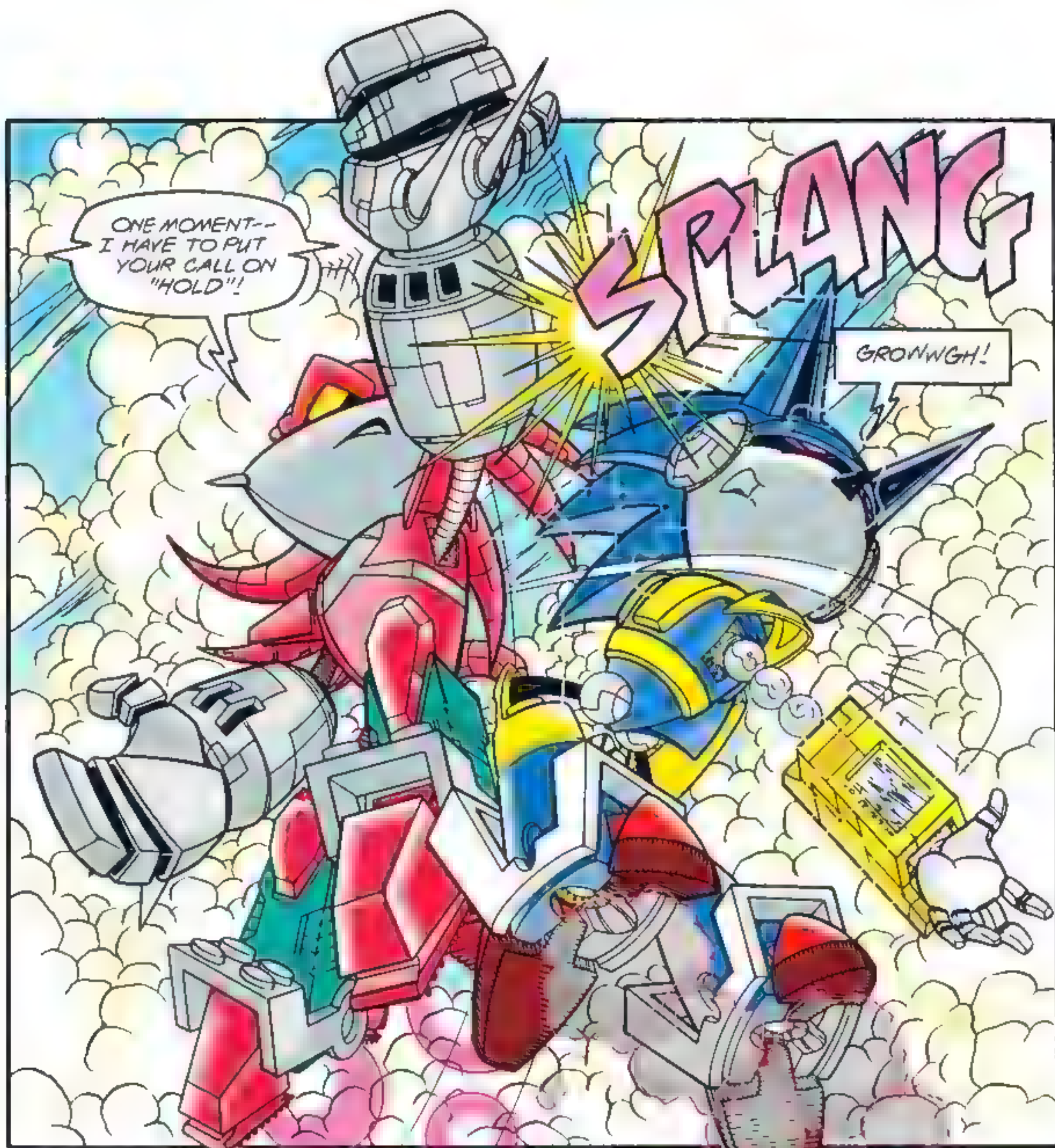


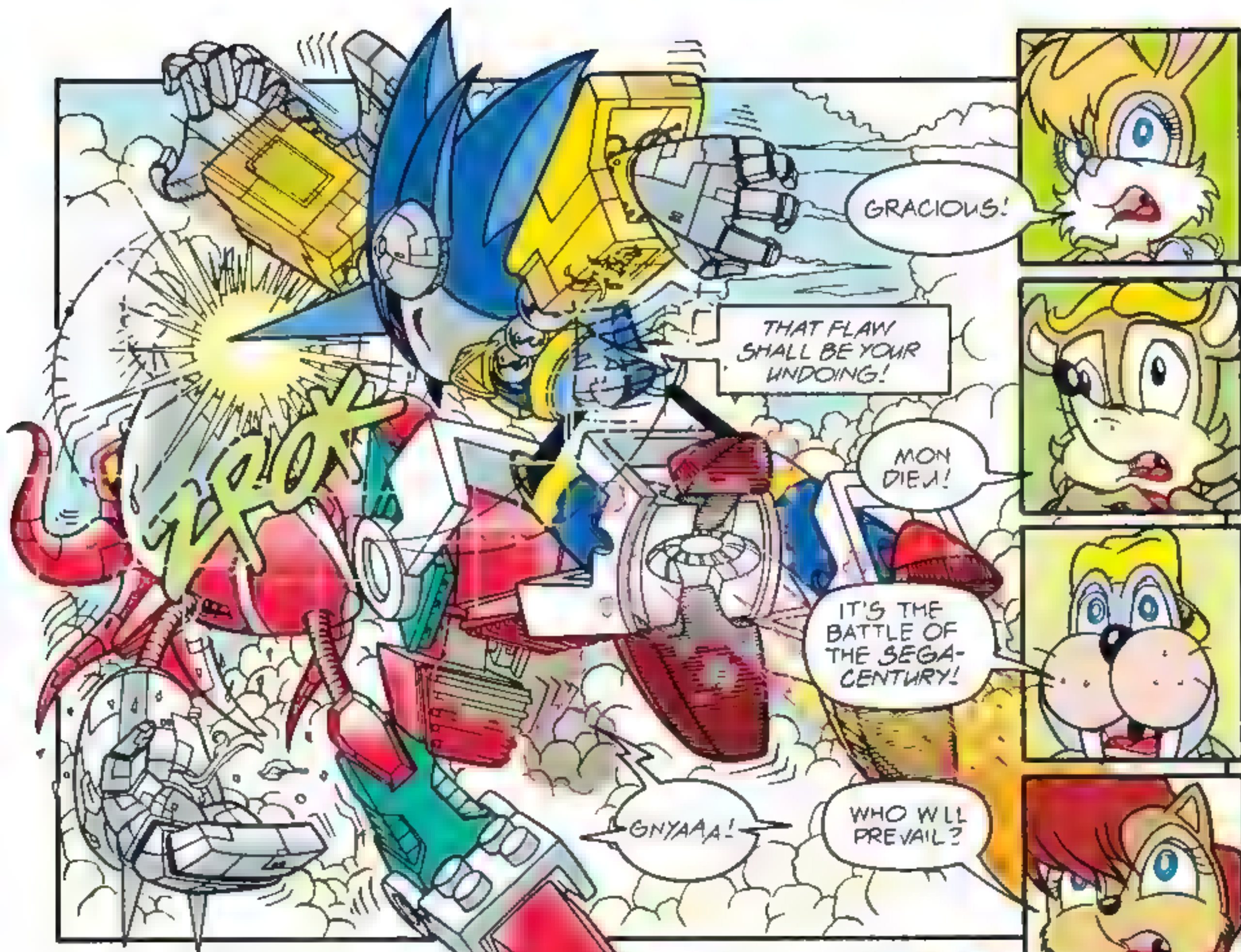
YES, YOU MECHA-MORON!
YOU ARE MY SLAVE! DO AS
I SAY IMMEDIATELY!

...Y-YES...
OF
COURSE!

SORRY,
MASTER--

THE
NUMBERS
ARE...



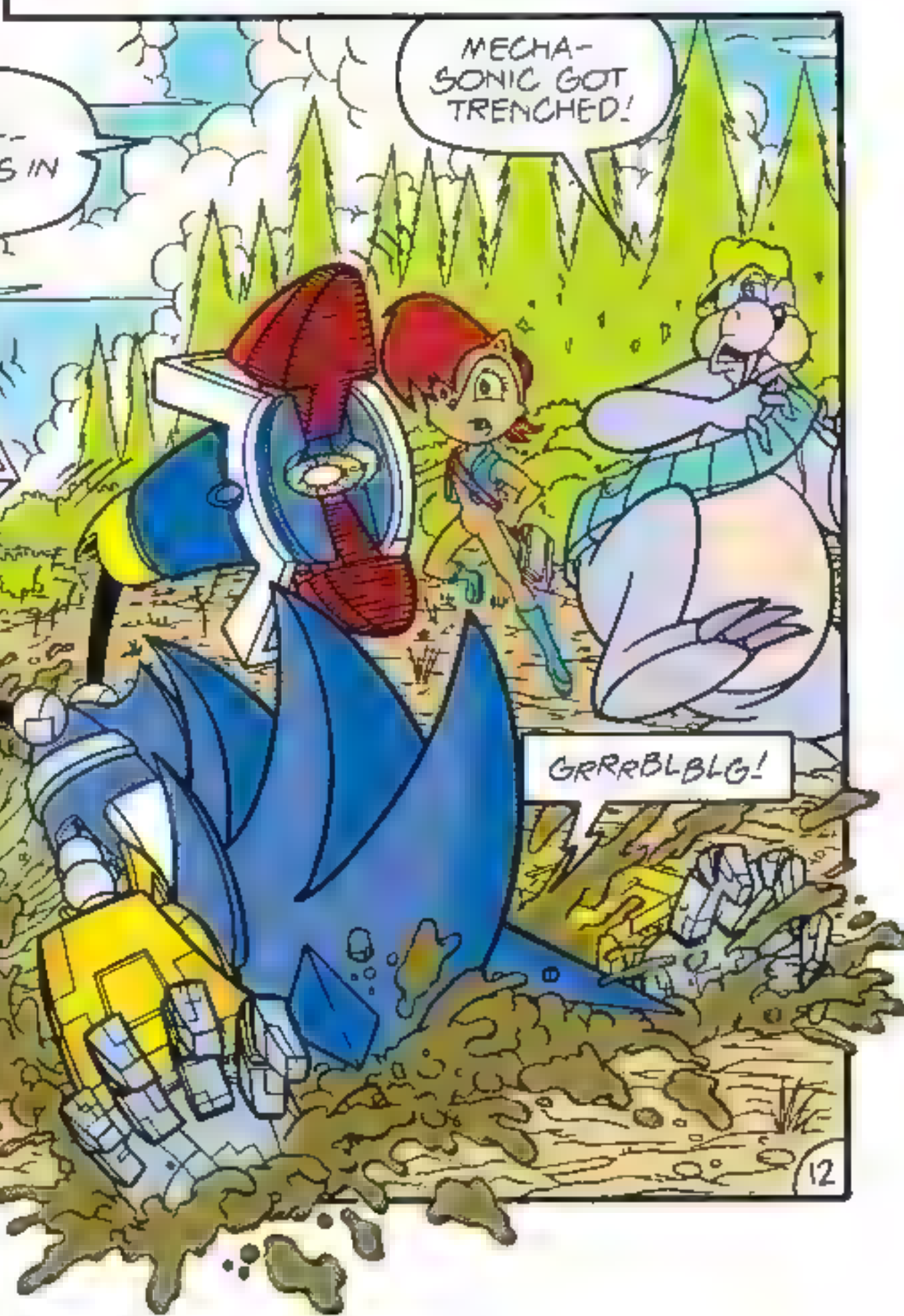
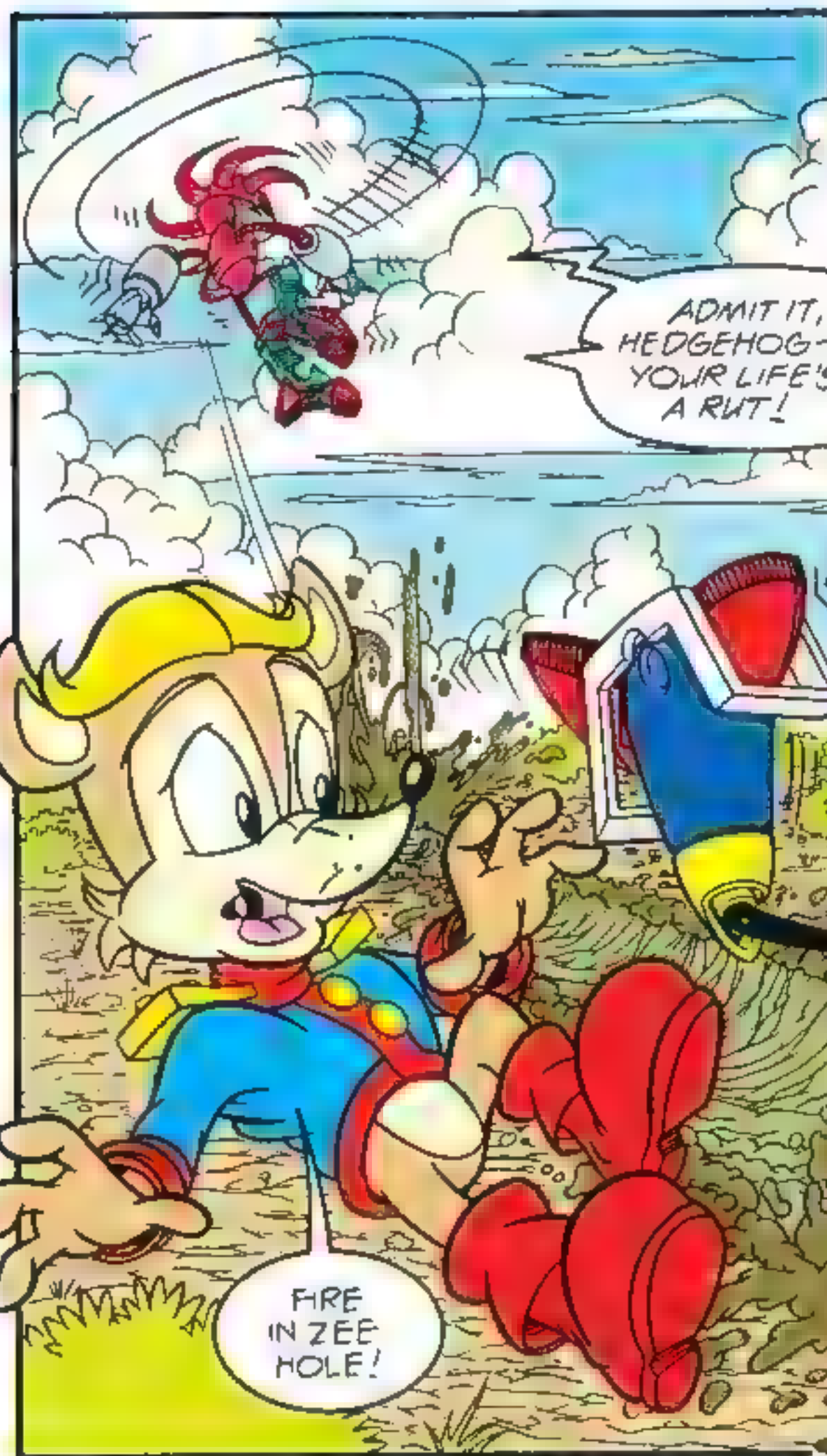
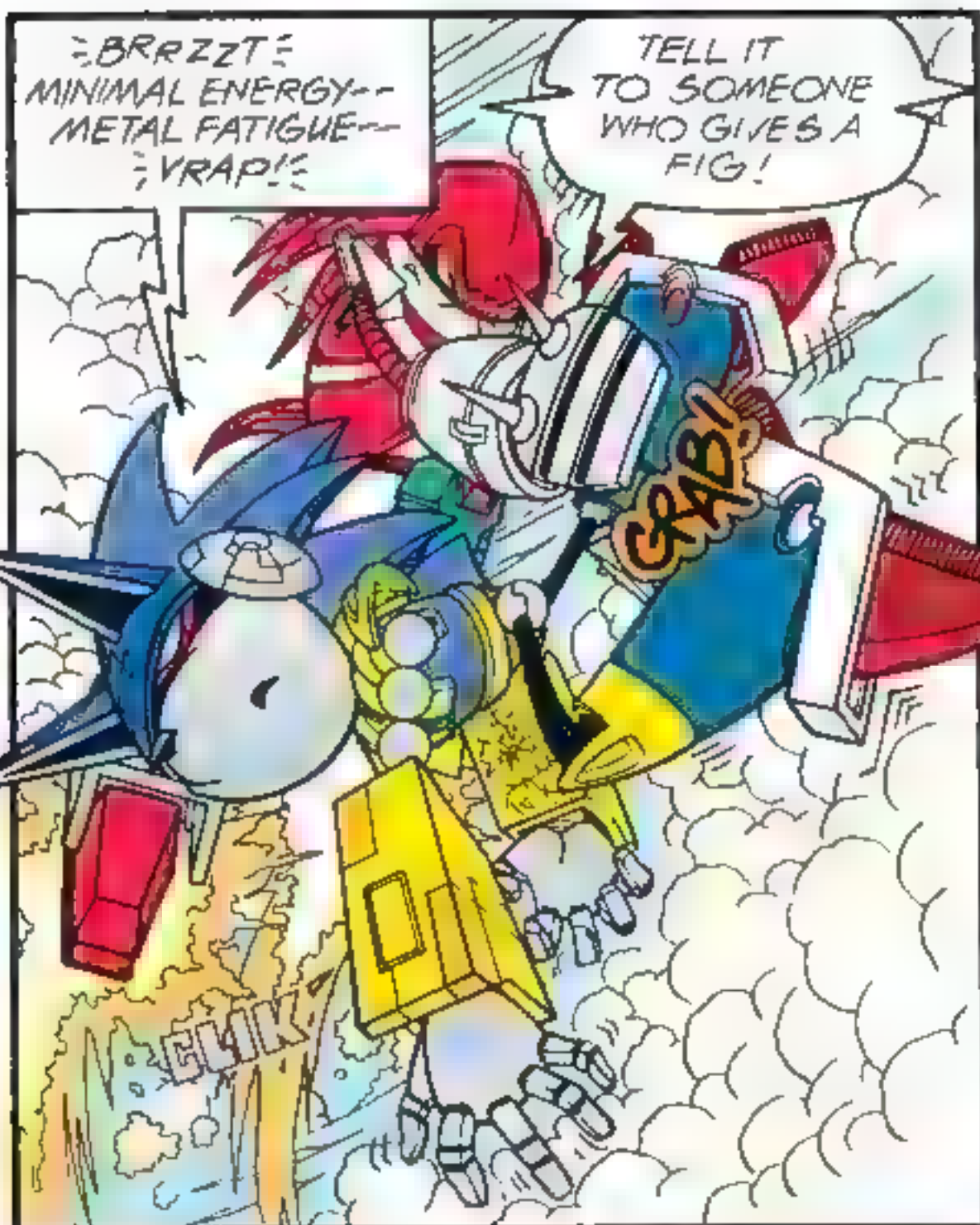


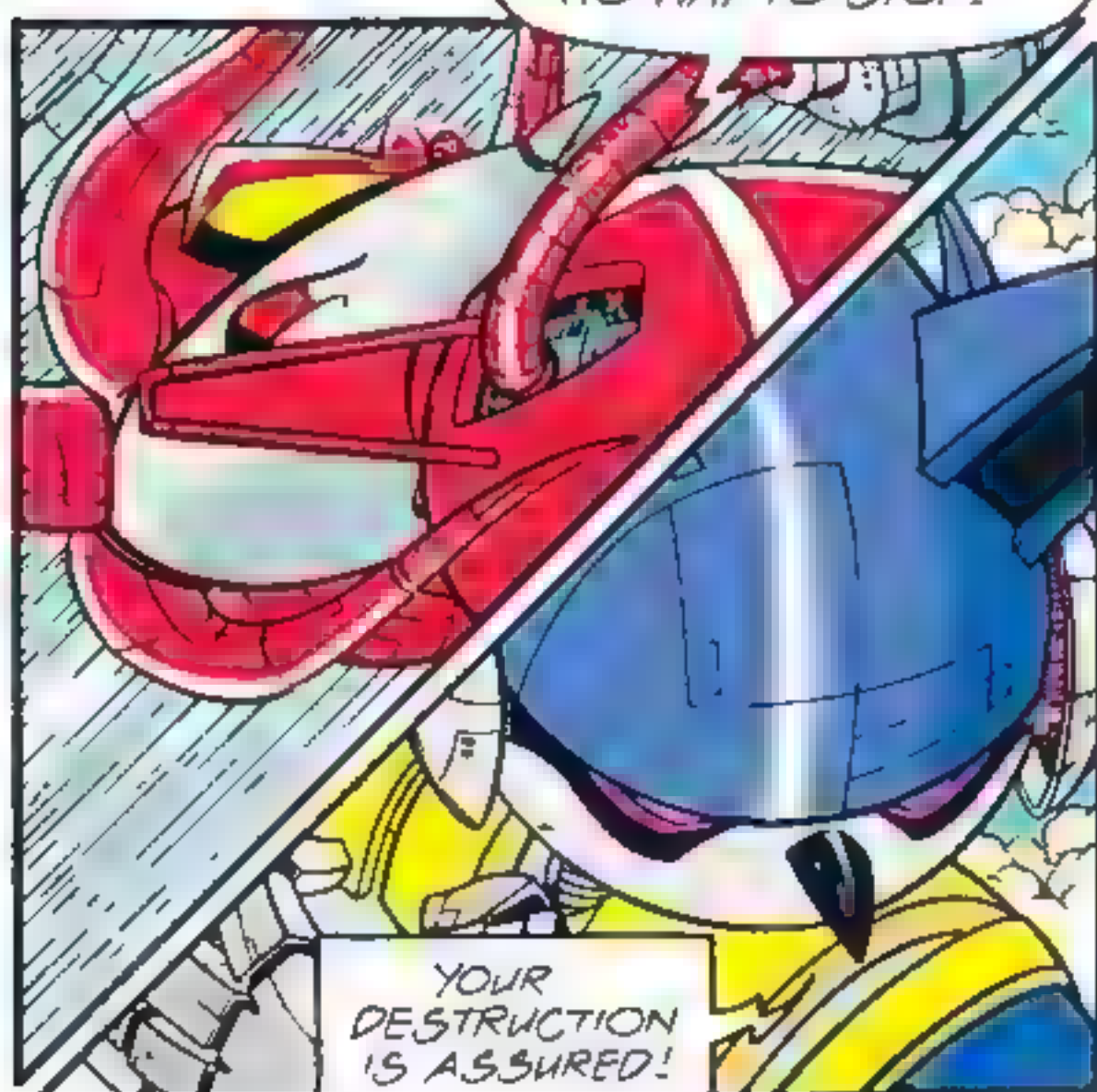
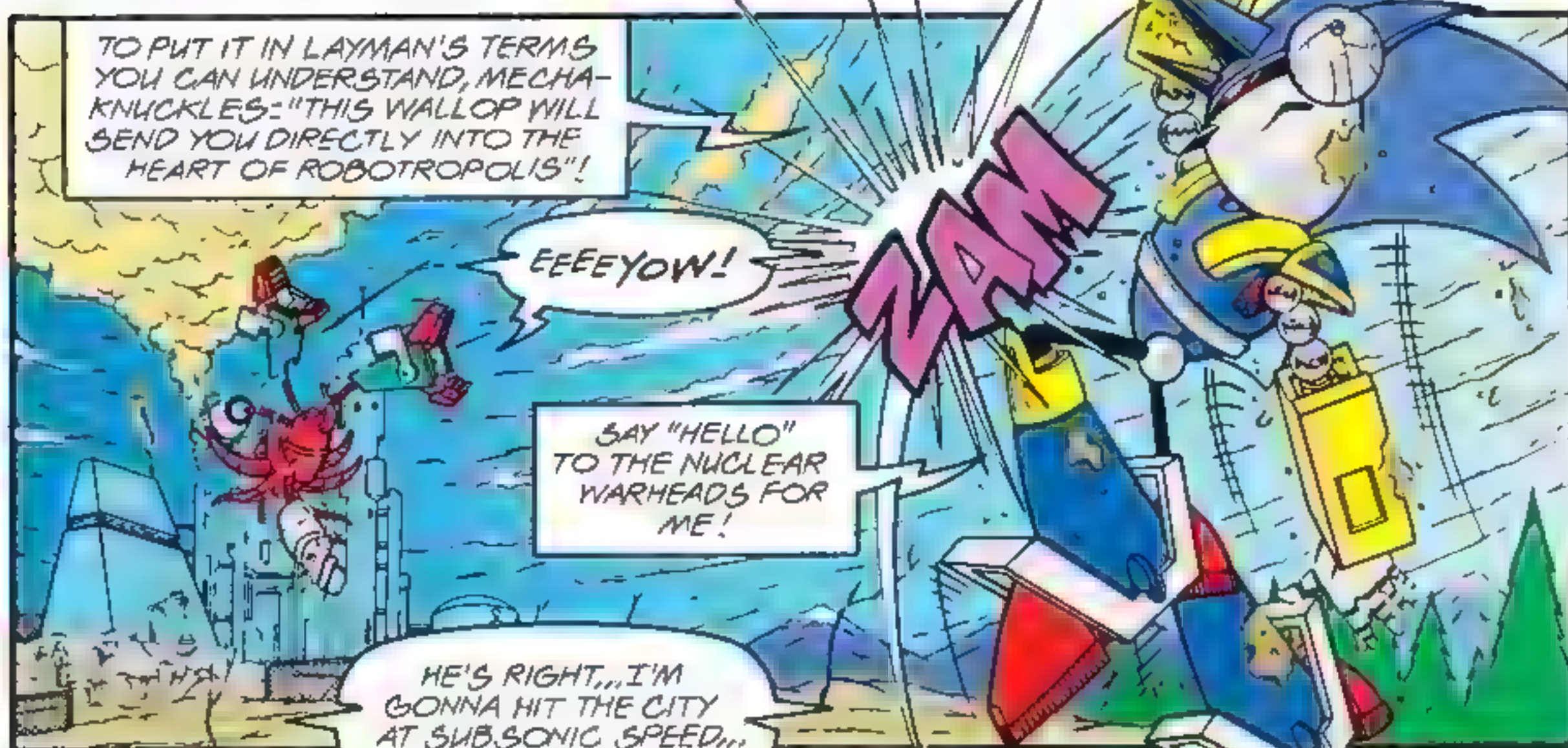
I'LL END THIS
QUICKLY--BY LETTING
YOU HAVE IT WITH
BOTH BARRELS!

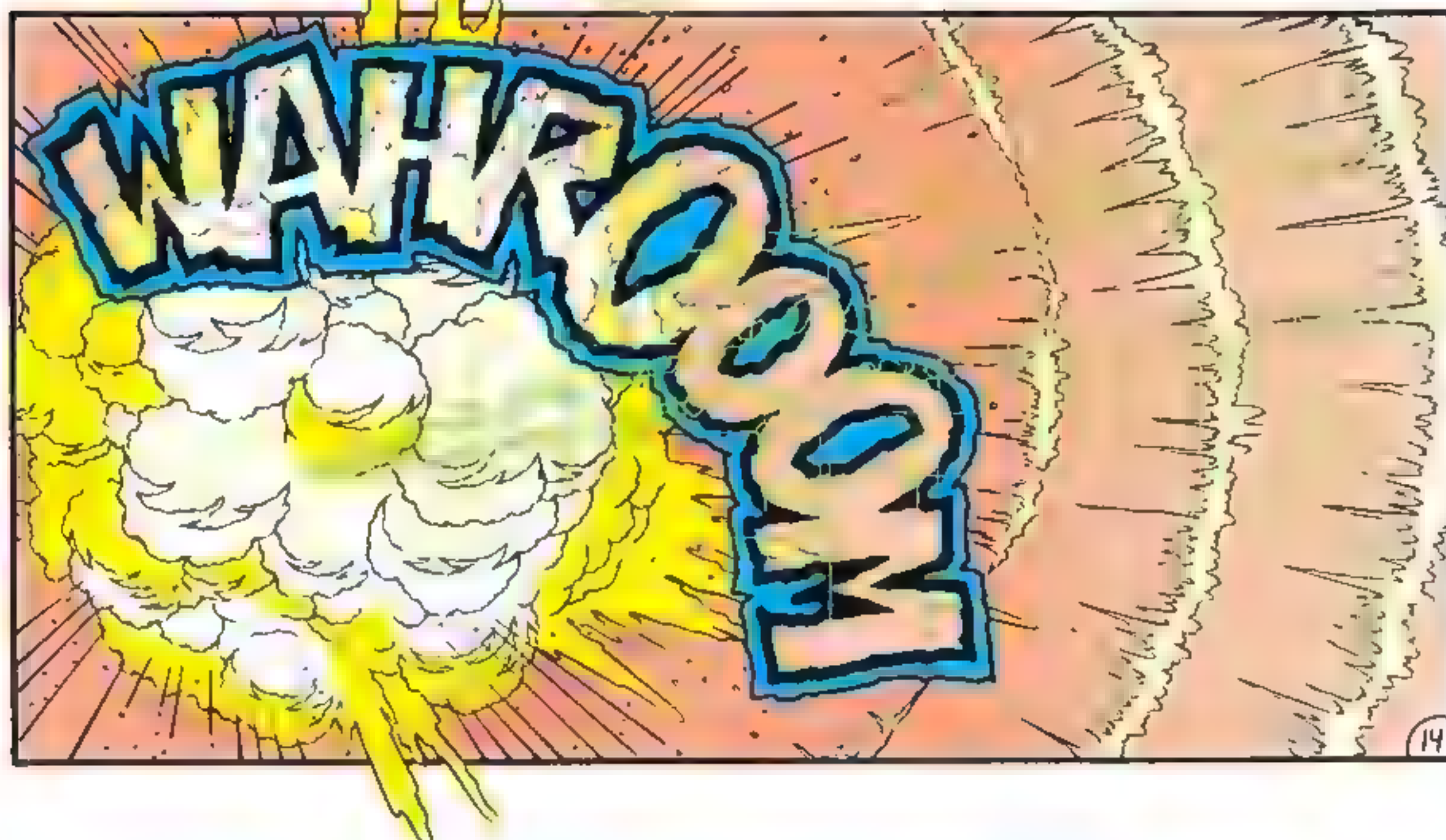
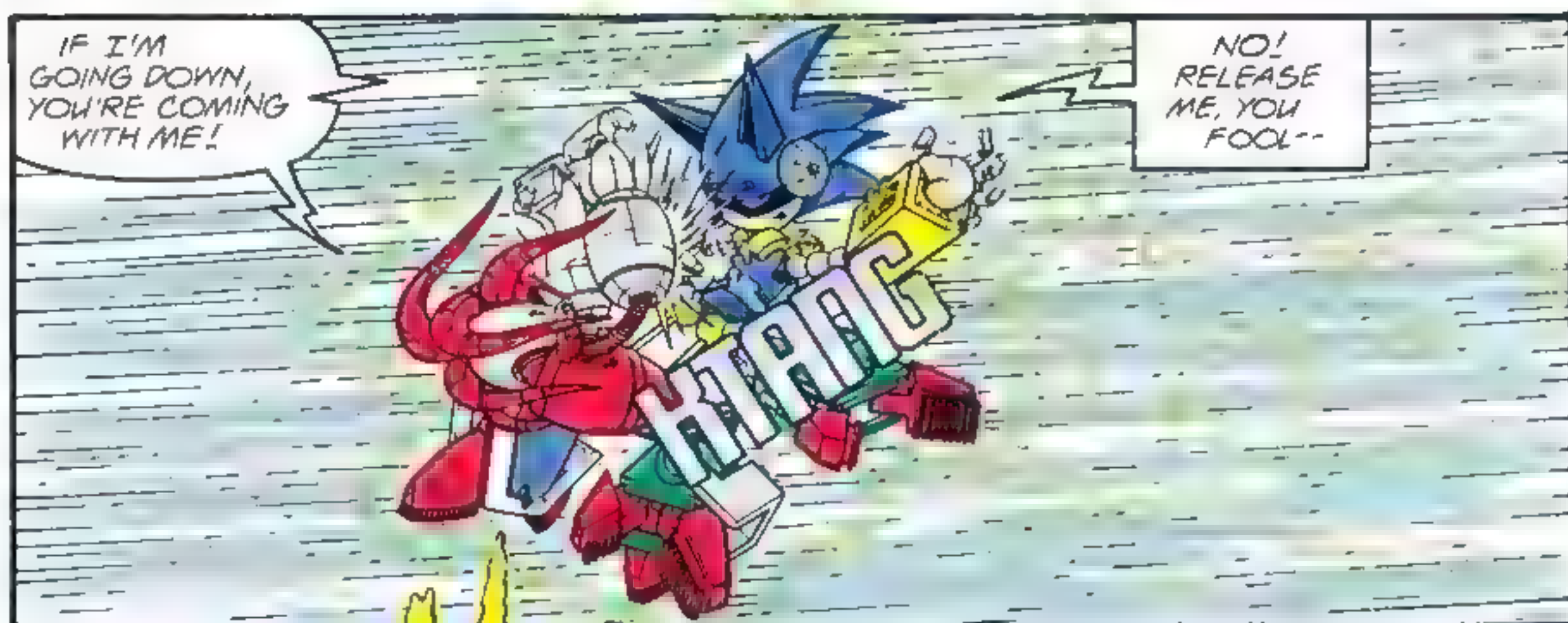




BRING IT ON! MY
MAGNETIC KNUCKLAWS
WILL DISPERSE YOUR
BLAST AND DRAIN YOUR
BATTERIES!







SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG...

MECHA MADNESS

PART II

...COULDN'T HAVE
SURVIVED THAT BLAST...
EVEN IN HIS MECHANIZED
FORM!

I DOUBT
M'SIEU ECHIDNA
COULD HAVE,
EITHER...

INDEED...
THE ODDS ARE
AGAINST
IT.

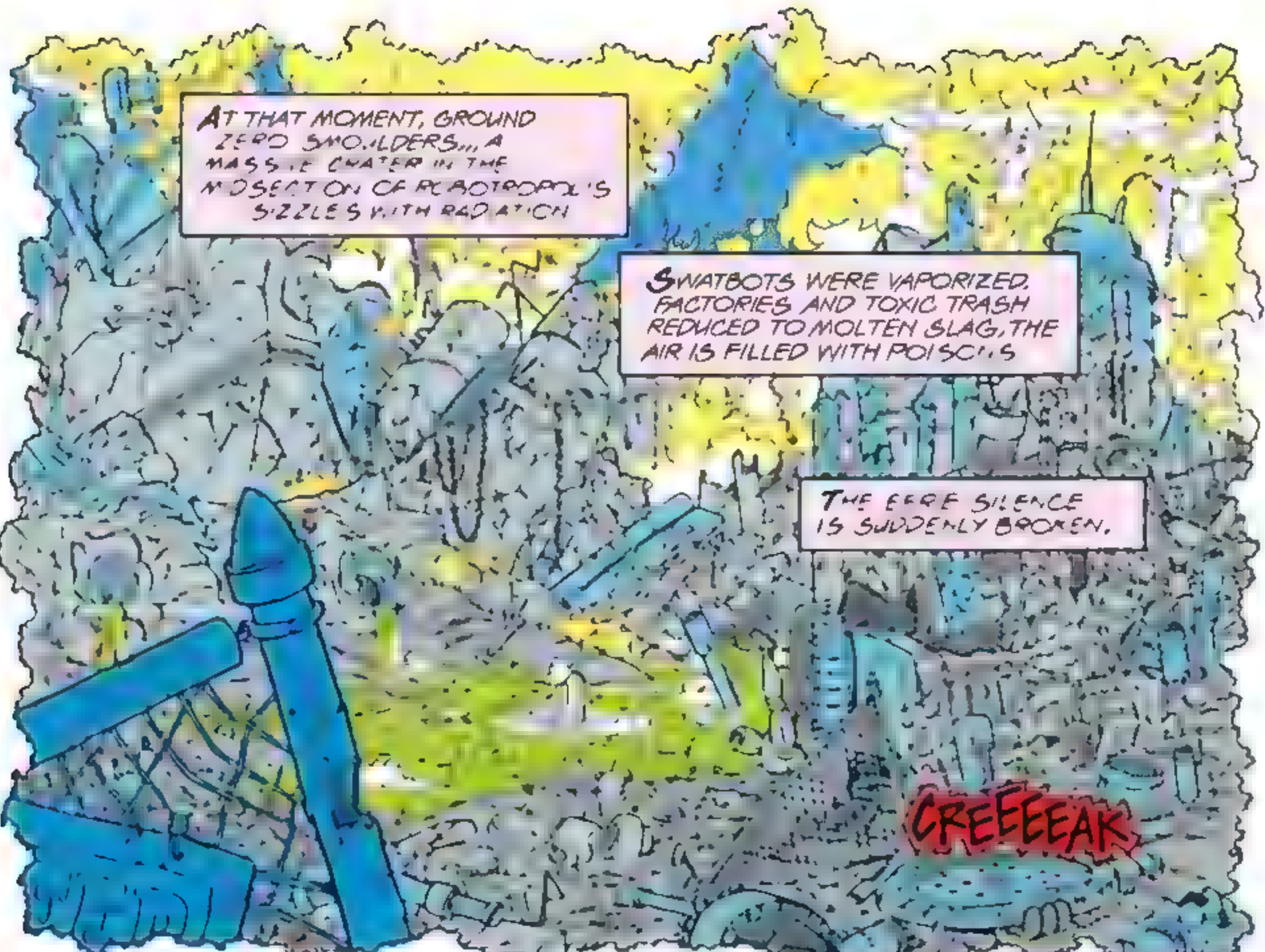
THEN SONIC...
:SOB: AND KNUCKLES
...:HUCK:

:CHOKE: EXCUSE
ME A MOMENT... I...
:Sniffle: I'VE GOT
FALLOUT IN MY EYE...

GOSH! IT'S
NOT ALWAYS EASY
AT THE TOP...

OUI... UNEASY
'ANGS ZEE
CROWN!

I'D BE UNEASY
F I WERE AT
GROUND ZERO!



AT THAT MOMENT, GROUND
ZERO SMOULDERS... A
MASSIVE CRATER IN THE
MIDSECTION OF ACADROPOLIS
SIZZLES WITH RADIATION

SWATBOTS WERE VAPORIZED,
FACTORIES AND TOXIC TRASH
REDUCED TO MOLTEN SLAG, THE
AIR IS FILLED WITH POISONS

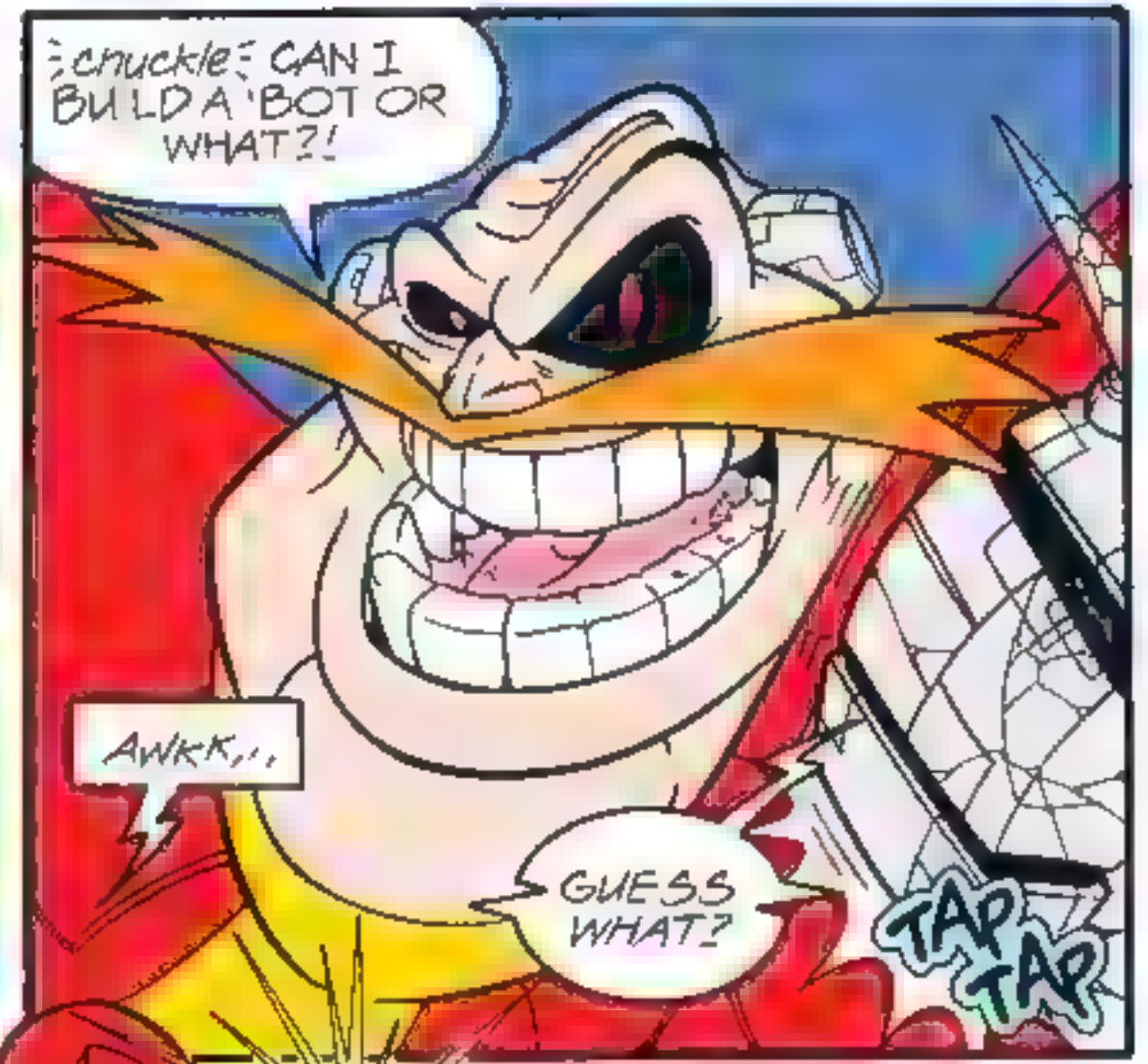
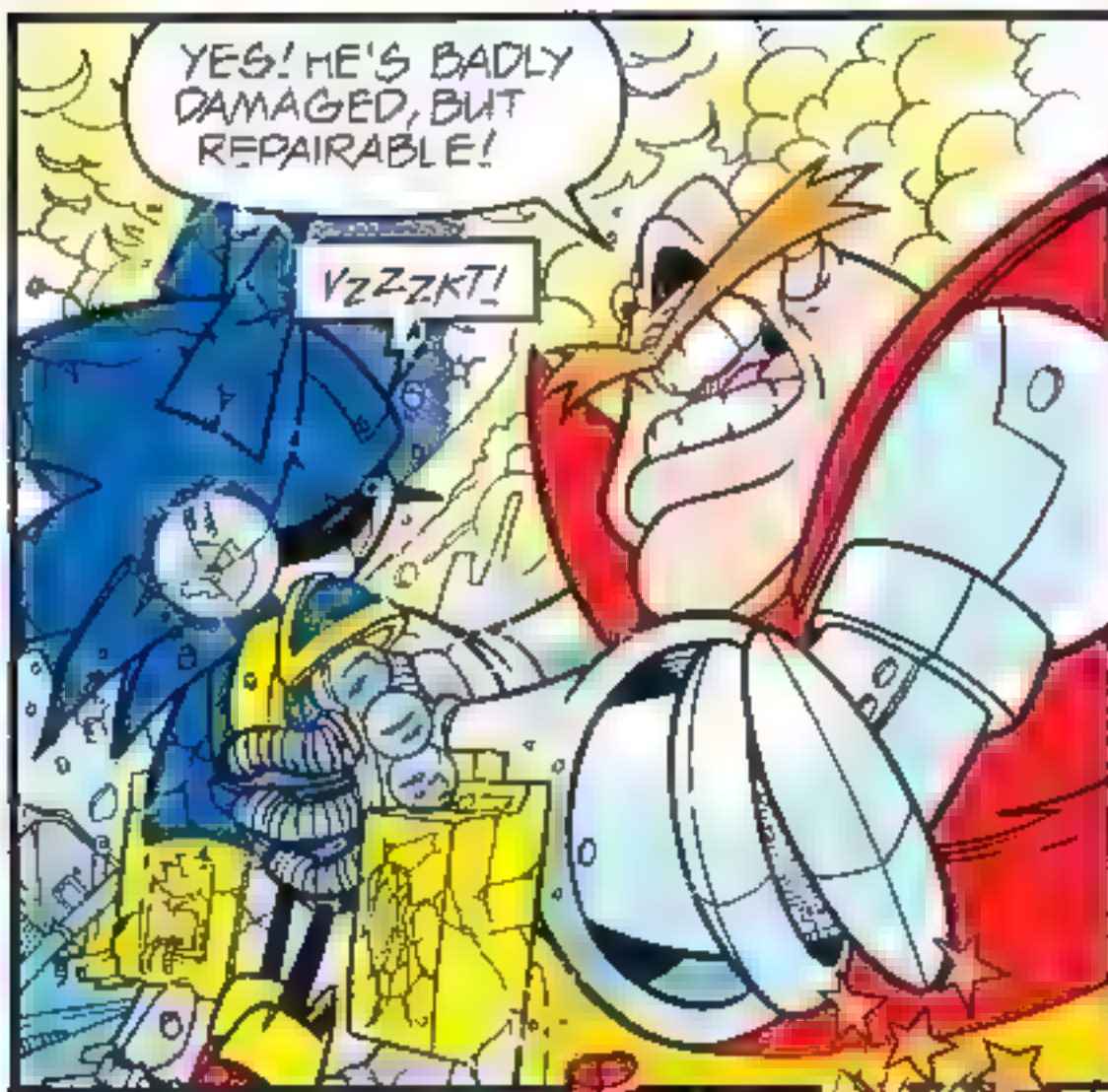
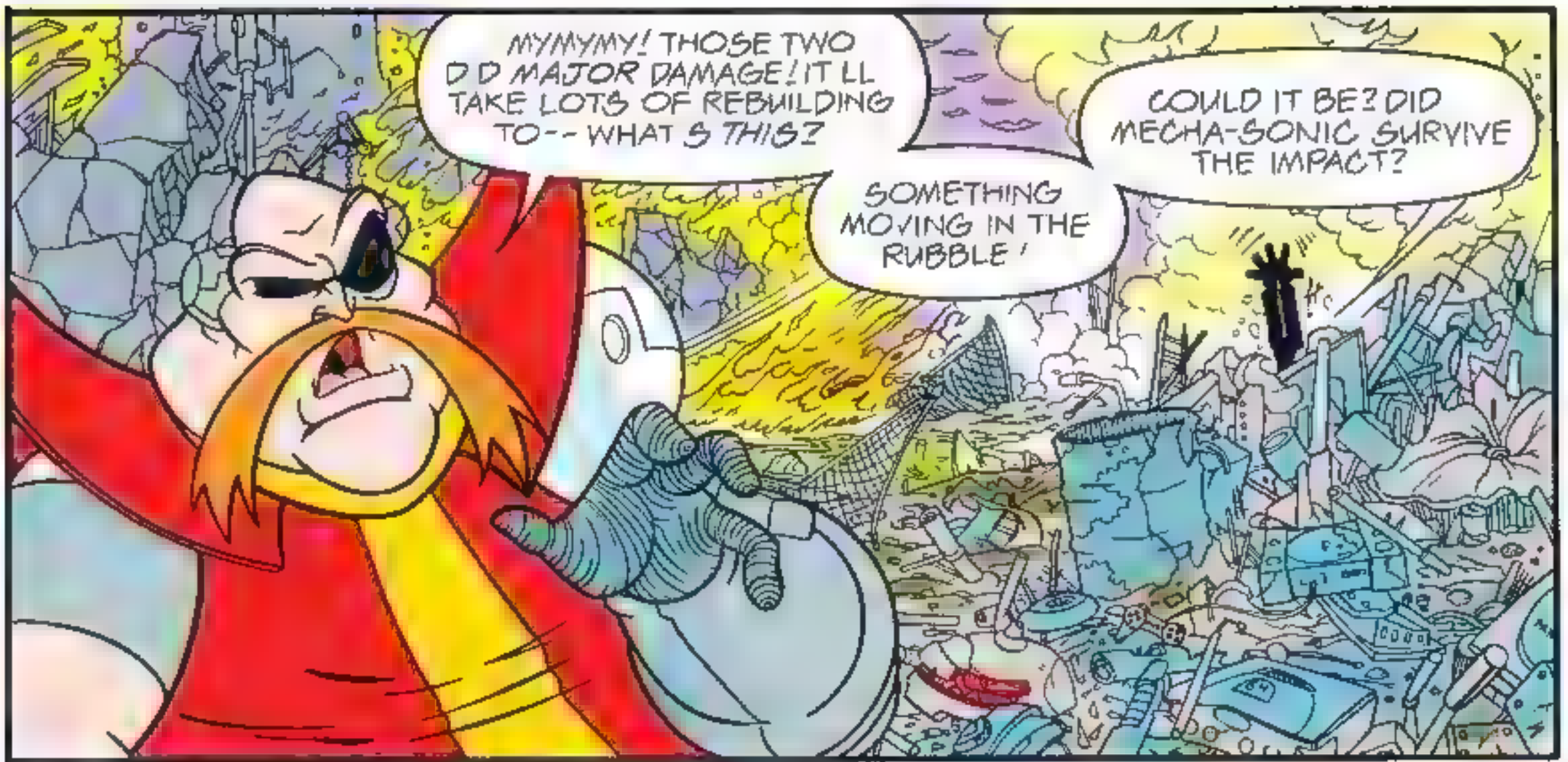
THE EERE SILENCE
IS SUDDENLY BROKEN.

CREEEEAK

K-K-KRUMF

GADZOOKS! THAT'S
THE BIGGEST BACKFIRE
OF MY ILLUSTRIOUS
CAREER!

LUCKY I SAW THE
INCOMING COMBATANTS
AND RETREATED TO
MY SHELTER!



≡GURGLE≡B-BUT
HOW'D YOU COME
THROUGH THE
BLAST WITH LESS
DAMAGE?

LET'S JUST
SAY YOU DON'T
BUILD 'EM LIKE
YOU USED TO,
TUBBY...

BLURG...

I WAS ROBOTICIZED
BY ONE OF YOUR OLD
UNITS... BUILT BEFORE YOU
STARTED USING INFERIOR
FOREIGN PARTS... NOT ONLY
THAT, BUT MECHA-SONIC
UNSELFISHLY TURNED HIM-
SELF IN FRONT OF ME AS
WE HIT, TAKING THE FULL
BRUNT!

SO MUCH FOR YOUR
"BRAIN-BURN-THROUGH" SYS-
TEM! SOMEHOW, SONIC
RETAINED A BIT OF
HIMSELF!

LIGHTS
OUT,
FATTY!

≡BZZT≡ I WISH I WAS AS
CONFIDENT AS I'M TRYING TO
SOUND... THE NUCLEAR FIRESTORM
WAS NO PICNIC FOR ME, EITHER!
≡KZZRPT≡ BUT MECHA-SONIC
IS CRITICAL!

MALFUNC≡ZRPT≡
TION...

HOLY ABALONE!
IT'S THEM! CALL
SALLY!

PRINCESS, COME
BACK--LOOK!

SONIC

MECHA MADNESS

THE HEDGEHOG...

...IS ALIVE? OR
AT LEAST MECHA-
SONIC IS? OH,
KNUCKLES, YOU
DID IT!

MAYBE, SAL OLD
GAL... YOUR BOYFRIEND'S
IN BAD SHAPE!

I'LL
SAY!

HMF!

BZZZZZT!
CLICK!

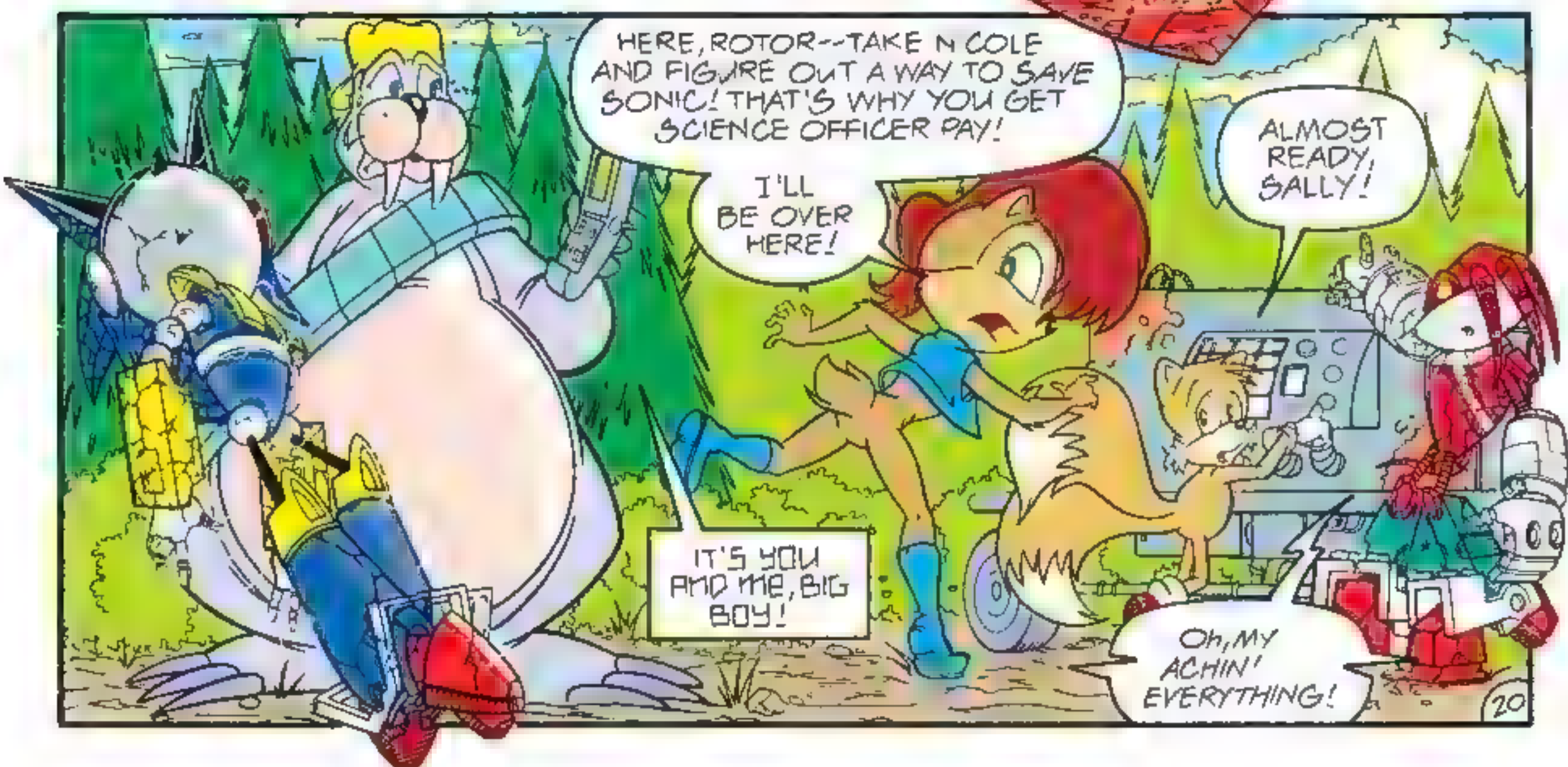
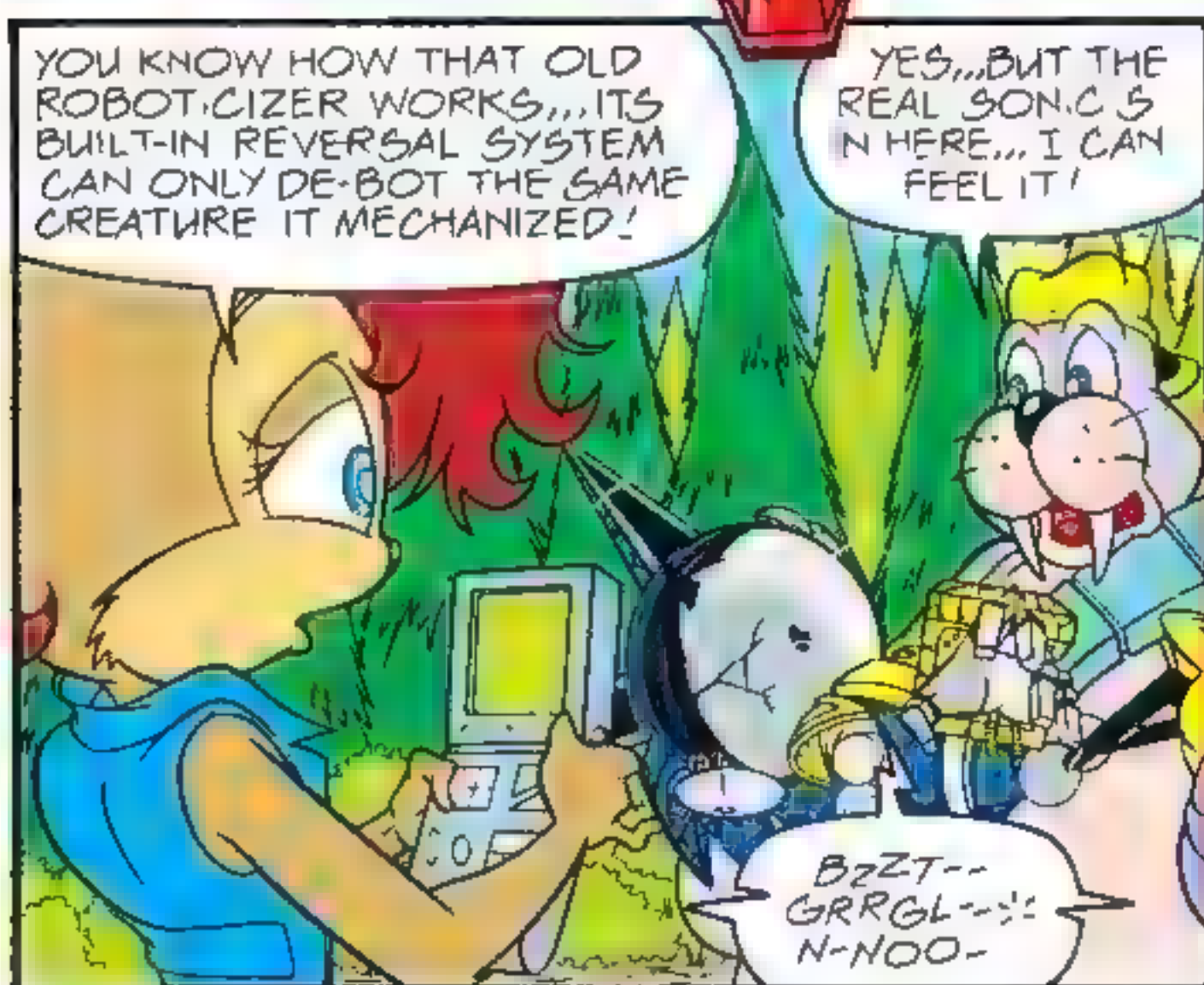
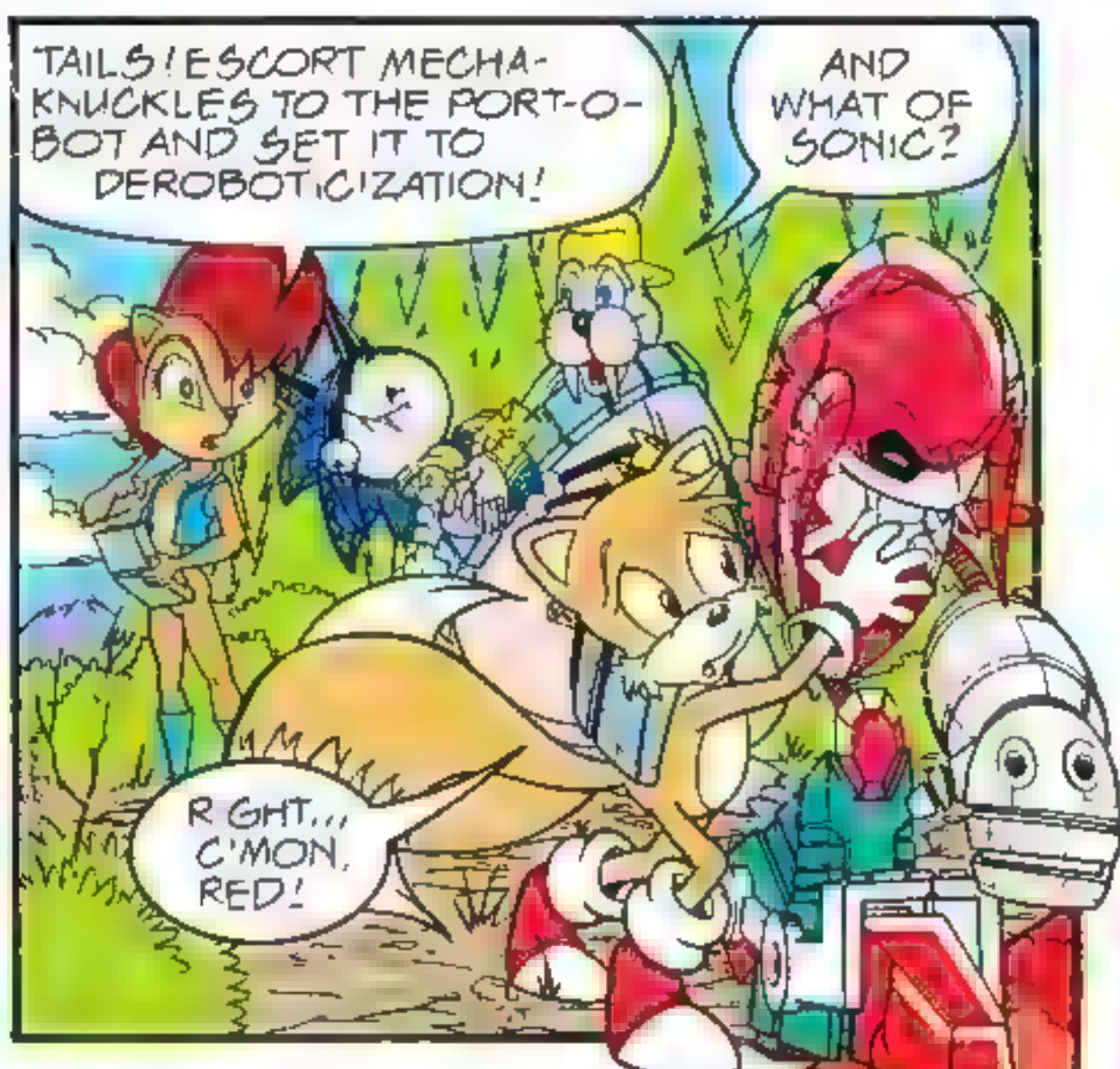
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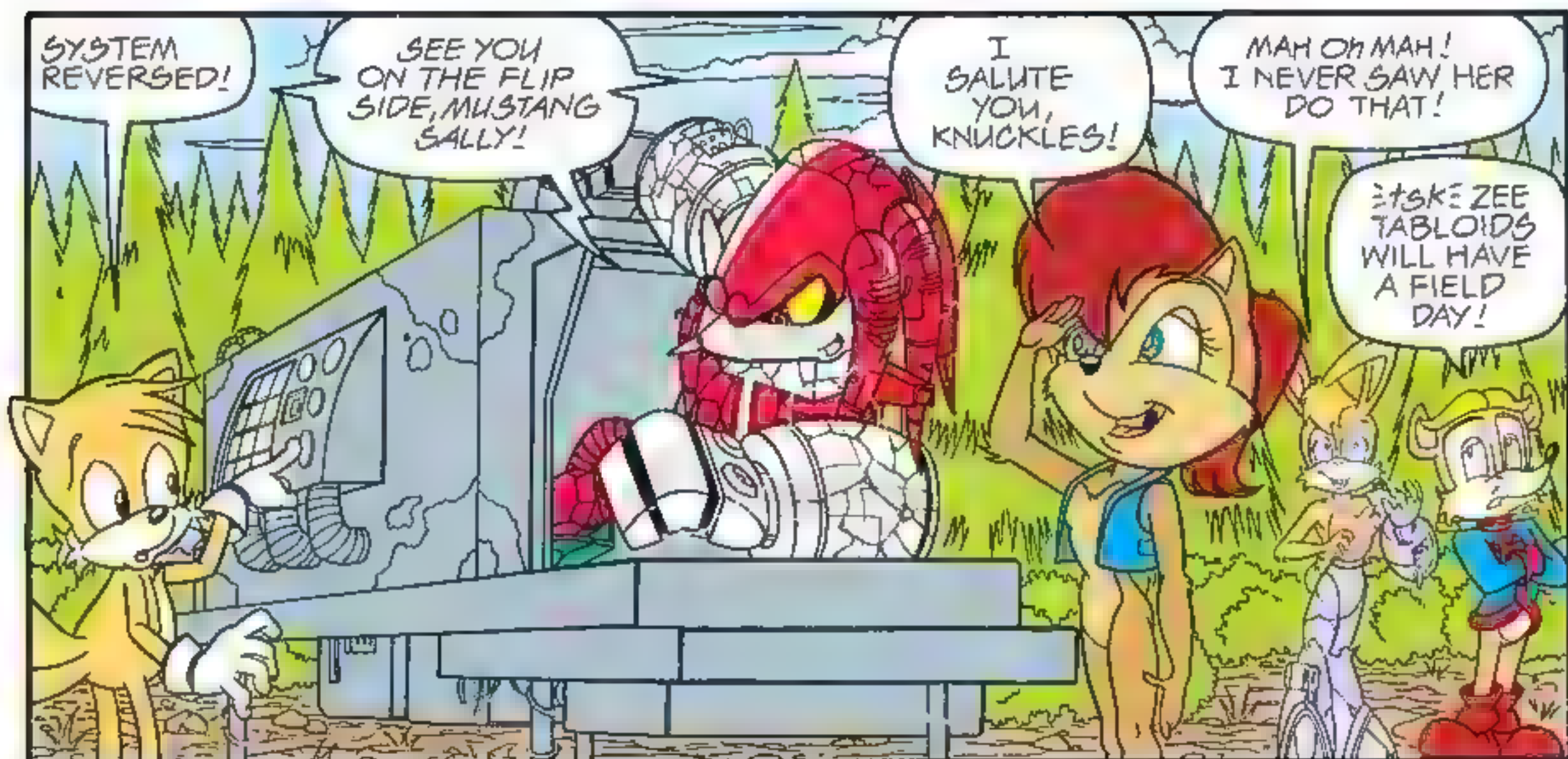
C'MERE, YOU
GREAT BIG HUNK
OF ECHIDNA...

OOF! EASY
KID... I'M
DAMAGED
GOODS, TOO!

CLIK

CONFIRMED...
MECHA-KNUCKLES'
TOLERANCE LEVELS
BEYOND MAXIMUM.
DANGER OF
SURMOUNT.





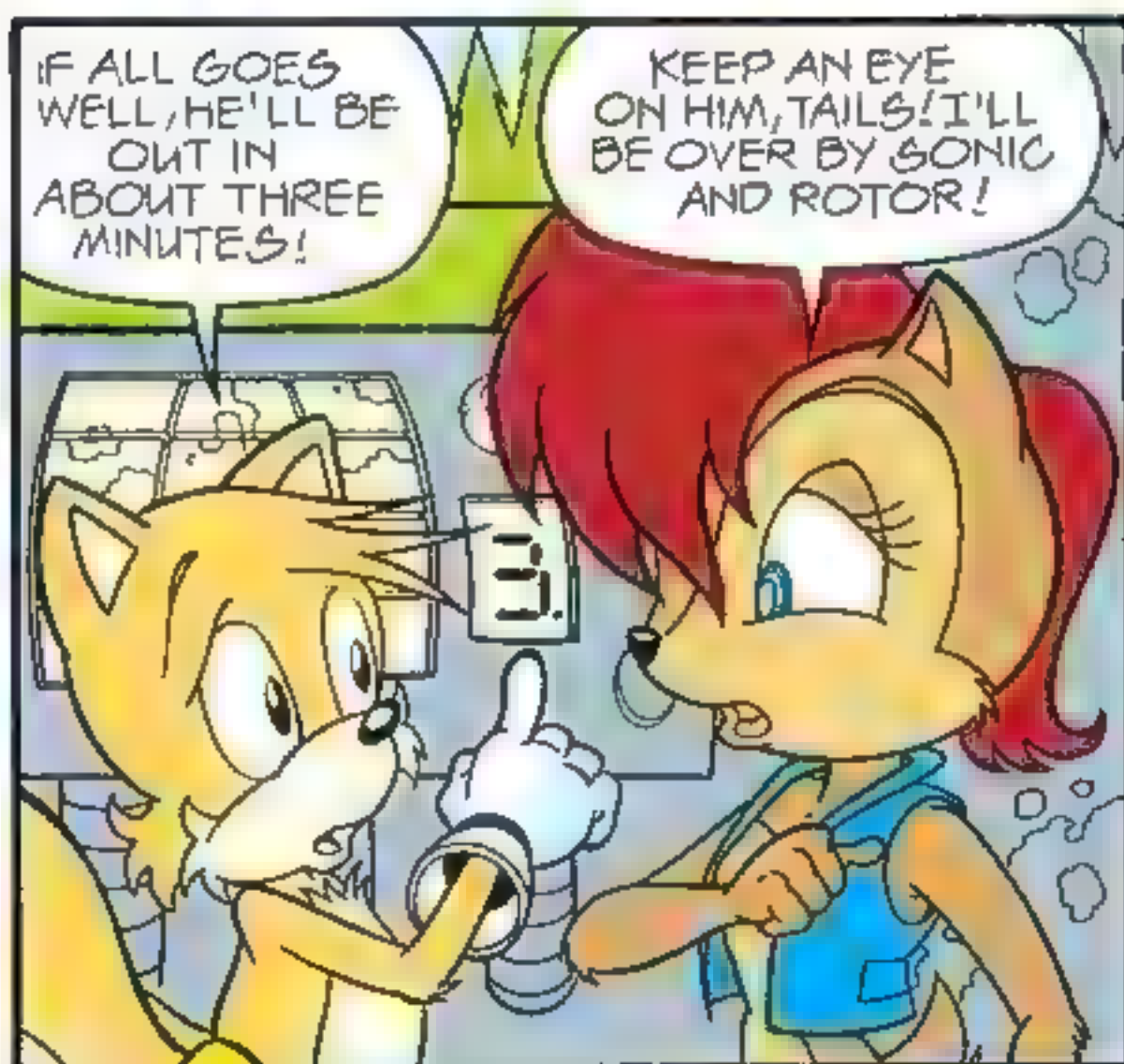
SYSTEM REVERSED!

SEE YOU ON THE FLIP SIDE, MUSTANG SALLY!

I SALUTE YOU, KNUCKLES!

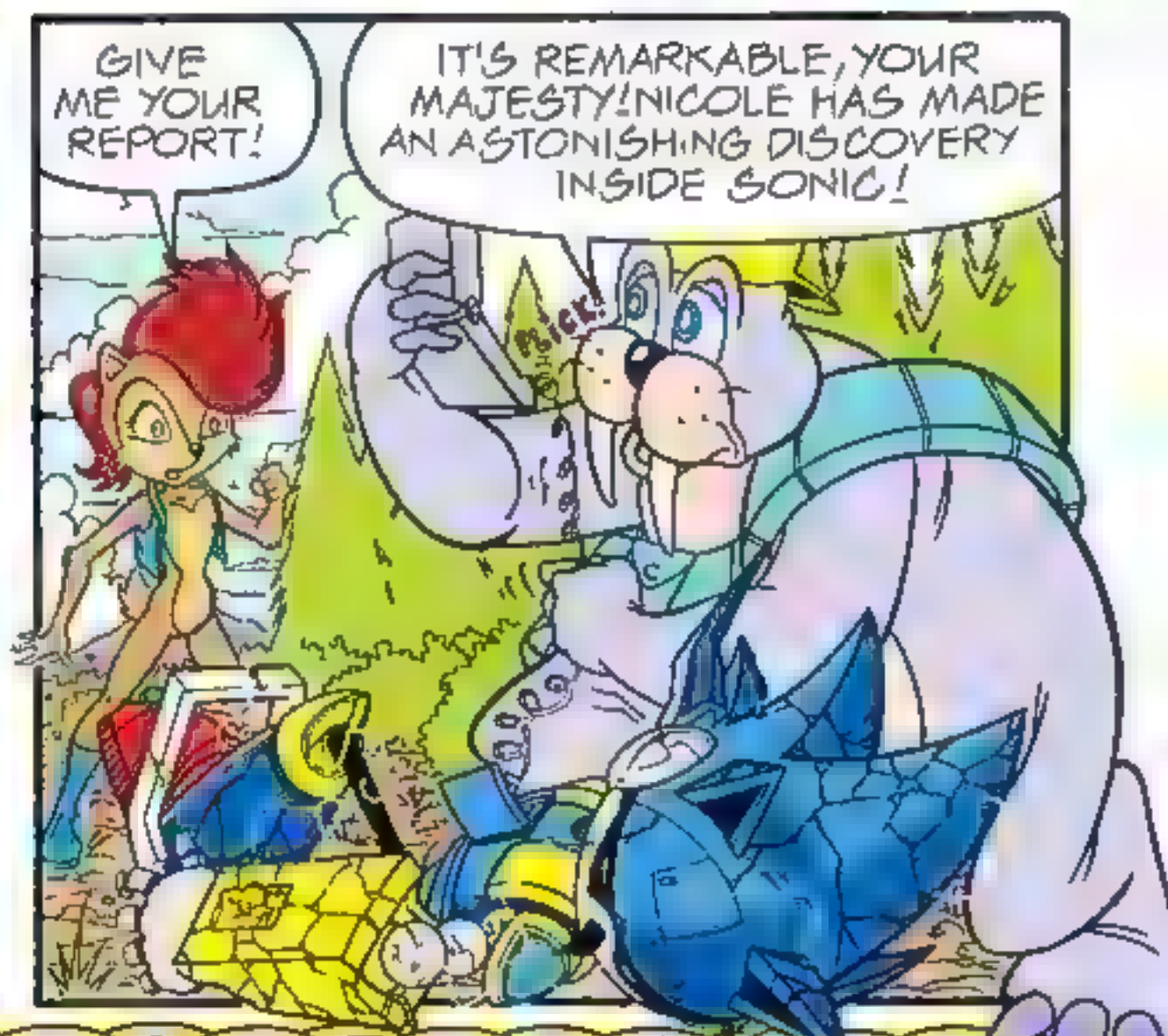
MAH OH MAH! I NEVER SAW HER DO THAT!

IT'S KEE ZEE TABLOIDS WILL HAVE A FIELD DAY!



IF ALL GOES WELL, HE'LL BE OUT IN ABOUT THREE MINUTES!

KEEP AN EYE ON HIM, TAILS! I'LL BE OVER BY SONIC AND ROTOR!



GIVE ME YOUR REPORT!

IT'S REMARKABLE, YOUR MAJESTY! NICOLE HAS MADE AN ASTONISHING DISCOVERY INSIDE SONIC!



I'LL LET HER TELL YOU--

THANK YOU, ROTOR... AS WE ALL KNOW, SONIC RECENTLY ACQUIRED HIS ONE BILLIONTH MAGIC RING! IT TOOK HIM ON A SURREAL JOURNEY! WHEN IT BROUGHT HIM BACK TO THIS REALITY, THE RING SURROUNDED HIM WITH A PROTECTIVE MYSTICAL AURA.

YES...

...SO?

*IN THE NOW-CLASSIC SONIC #35, -ED.

UNKNOWN TO US, IT ALSO
CREATED AN INTERNAL SHIELD!
ALTHOUGH THIS AURA DIDN'T
PREVENT MECHANIZATION, IT
DID ABSORB AND RETAIN
SONIC'S "LIFE FORCE".

ROBOTNIK'S "BRAIN-BURN-
THROUGH" DEVICE COULDN'T
PENETRATE THE MAGIC
FIELD. SONIC'S PERSONALITY
STILL RESIDES THERE.

WONDERFUL!
LET'S RETRIEVE
IT A.S.A.P!

ERR...WELL--
HMM--OVER TO
YOU, ROTOR!

Oh,
THANKS
A LOT!

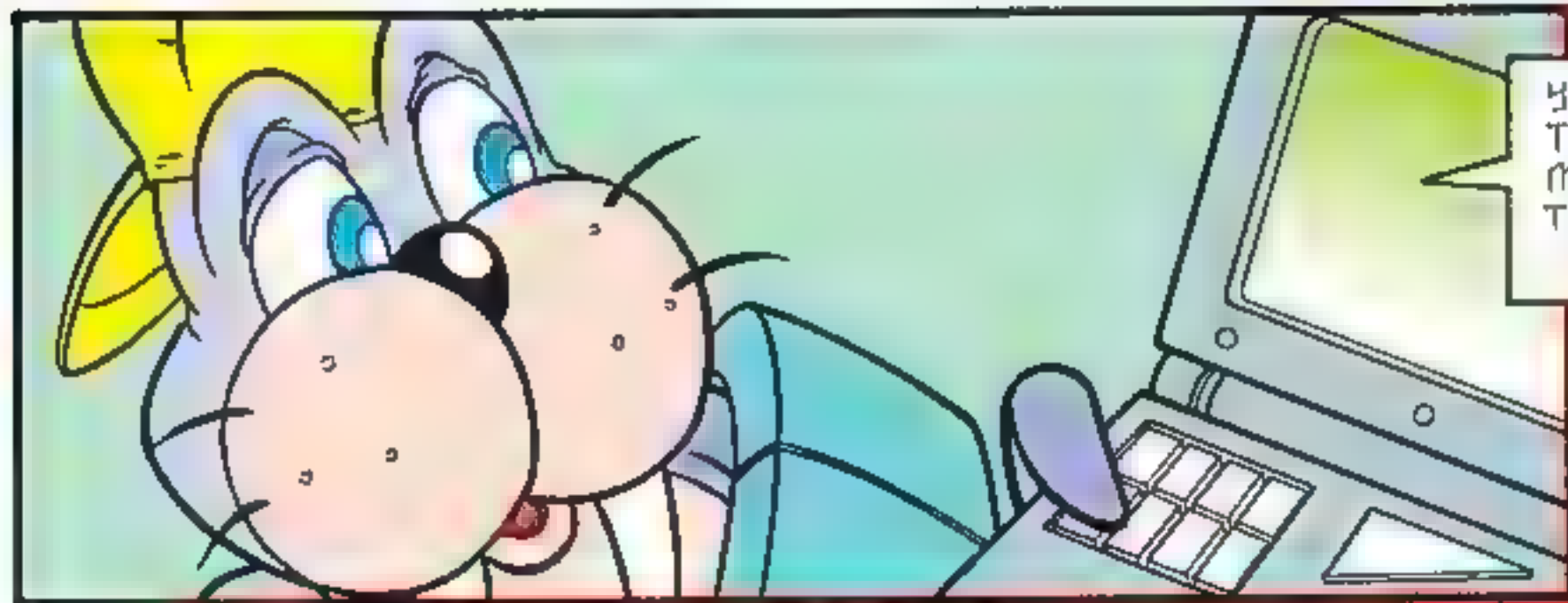
Ahem...SALLY, NORMALLY I'D HOOK
UP MECHA-SONIC TO MY LAB FULL OF
EQUIPMENT AND TRY TO BRING HIM
BACK...BUT IT'S TOAST ALONG WITH
THE REST OF KNOTHOLE VILLAGE!

Oh, DEAR...
MAYBE WE CAN
SALVAGE SOME
COMPONENTS?

I'M AFRAID HE DOESN'T
HAVE THAT MUCH TIME,
PRINCESS. *≡Choke≡*

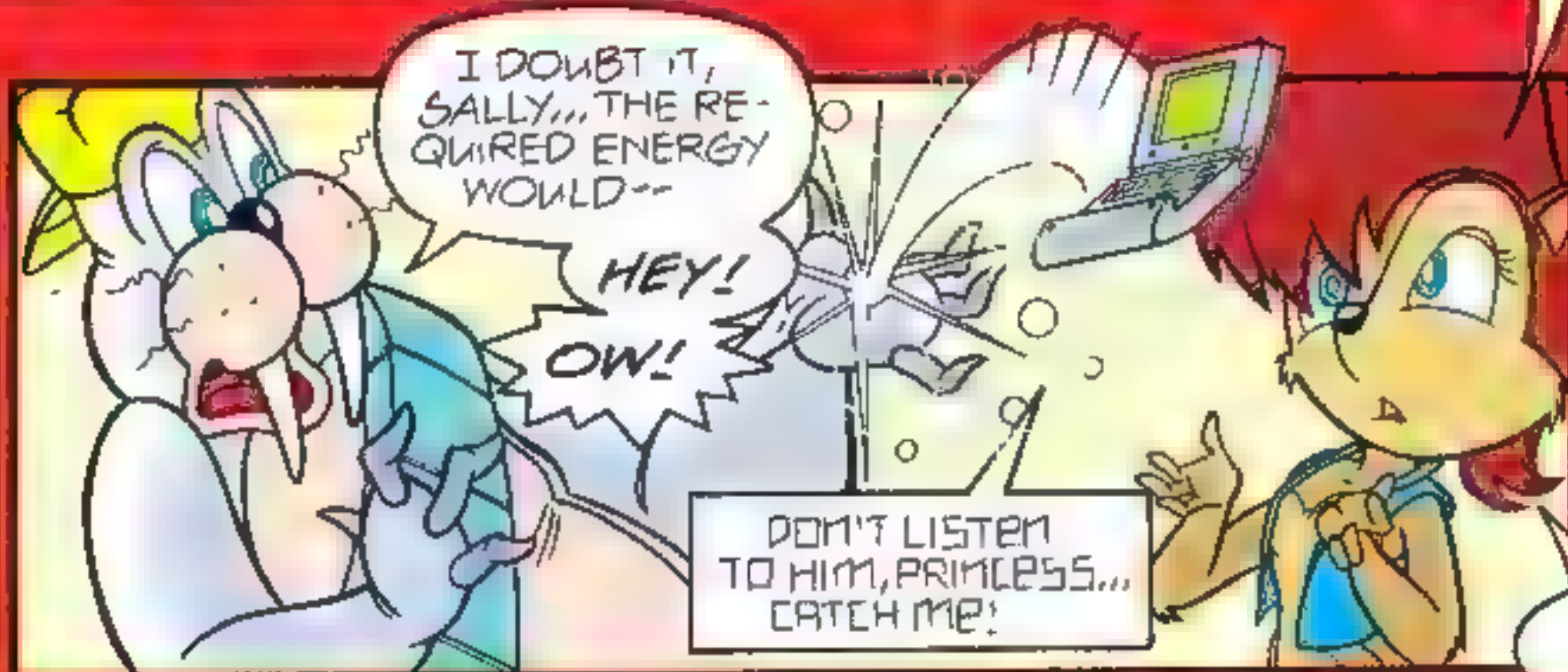
≡Sniff≡

IN *≡VRAP≡* DEED...
I'M LATE FOR MY
≡KZZT≡ EXPIRATION
DATE...



YOUR HIGHNESS, I HAVE THE DATA... PLUG ME INTO MECHA-SOMIC AND I'LL TRY TO INSTIGATE THE RETRO-PROCEDURE!

CAN SHE DO THAT, ROTOR?



I DOUBT IT, SALLY... THE REQUIRED ENERGY WOULD--

HEY!

OW!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, PRINCESS... CATCH ME!

NICOLE?

LOOK--MACHINES ARE ALWAYS GETTING A BAD RAP AROUND HERE... LET ME TRY! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!



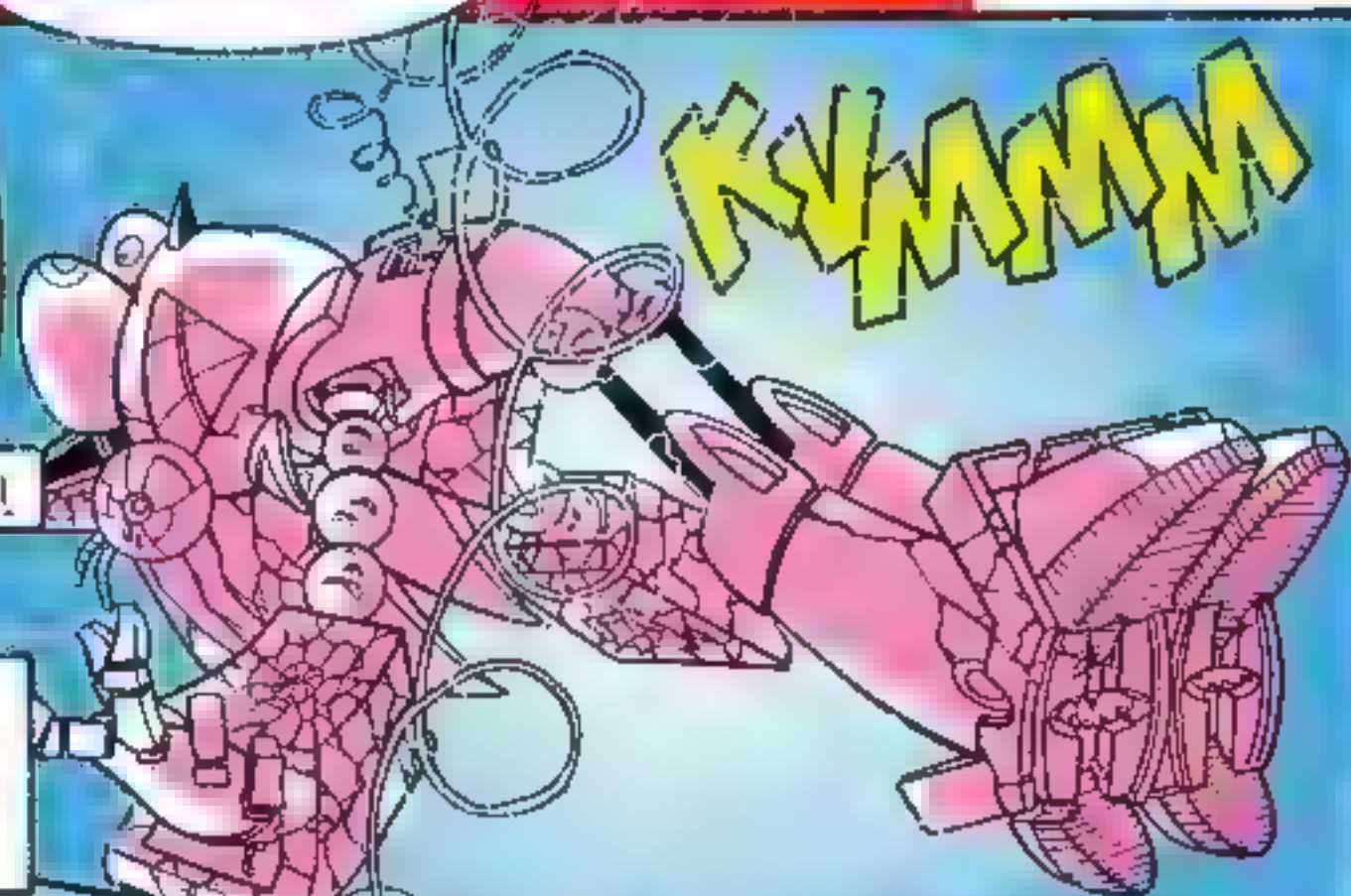
Hmm--

VERY WELL, MY LOYAL COMPUTER IT'S UP TO YOU-- GO FOR IT!



ACKNOWLEDGED!

INTERNAL RING CRUST ACCESSED... SYSTEM LINKAGE ALIGNED... OUTPUT TO MAXIMUM--



KWNNNN

ENGAGE!

AT FIRST, NOTHING SEEMED TO BE HAPPENING...

...THEN ALL AT ONCE, RAW MAGIC ENERGY RIPPLES OUTWARD, OVERRIDING REALITY...

...RESTORING THE TRUE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL ESSENCE OF SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!

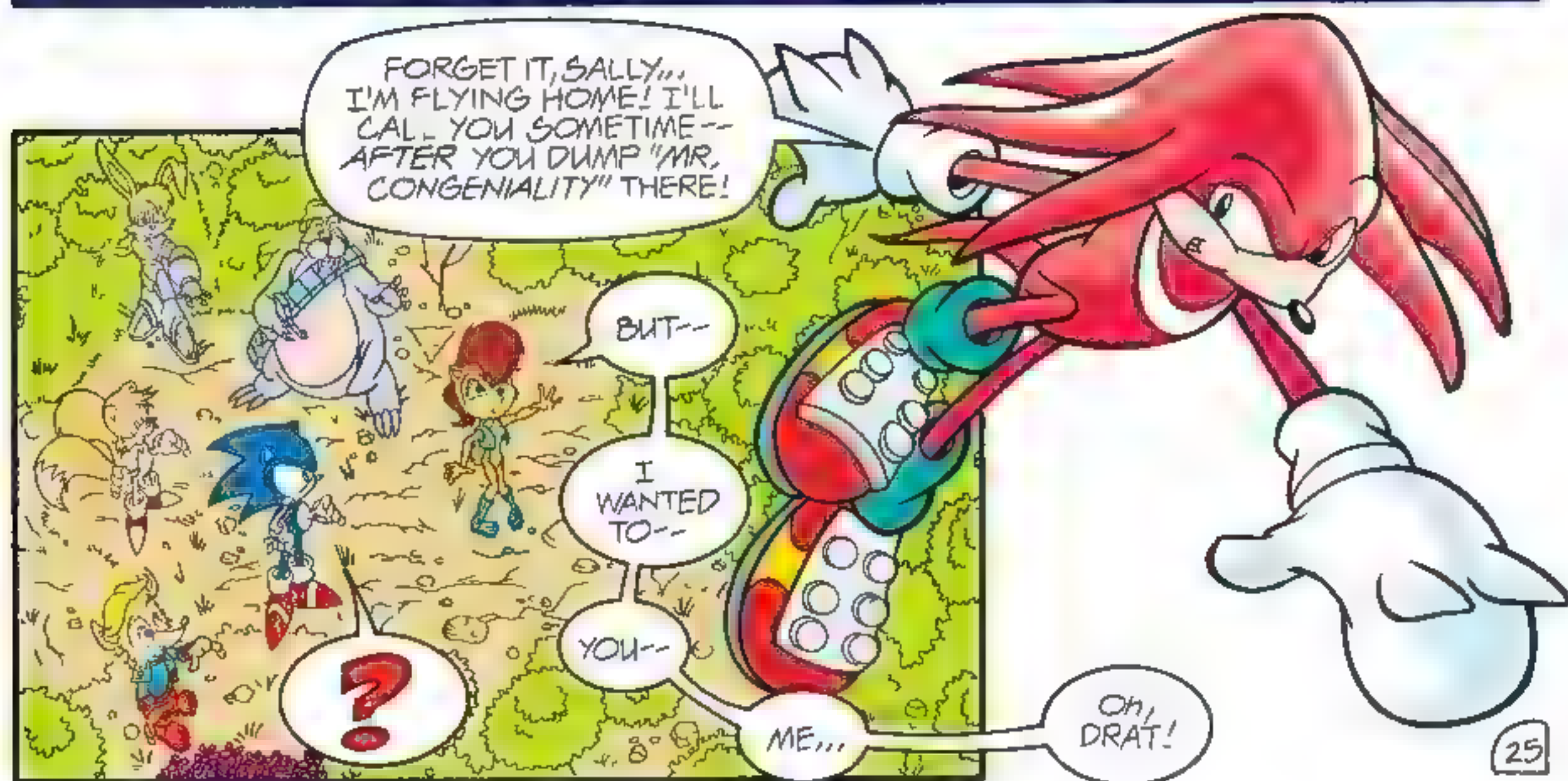
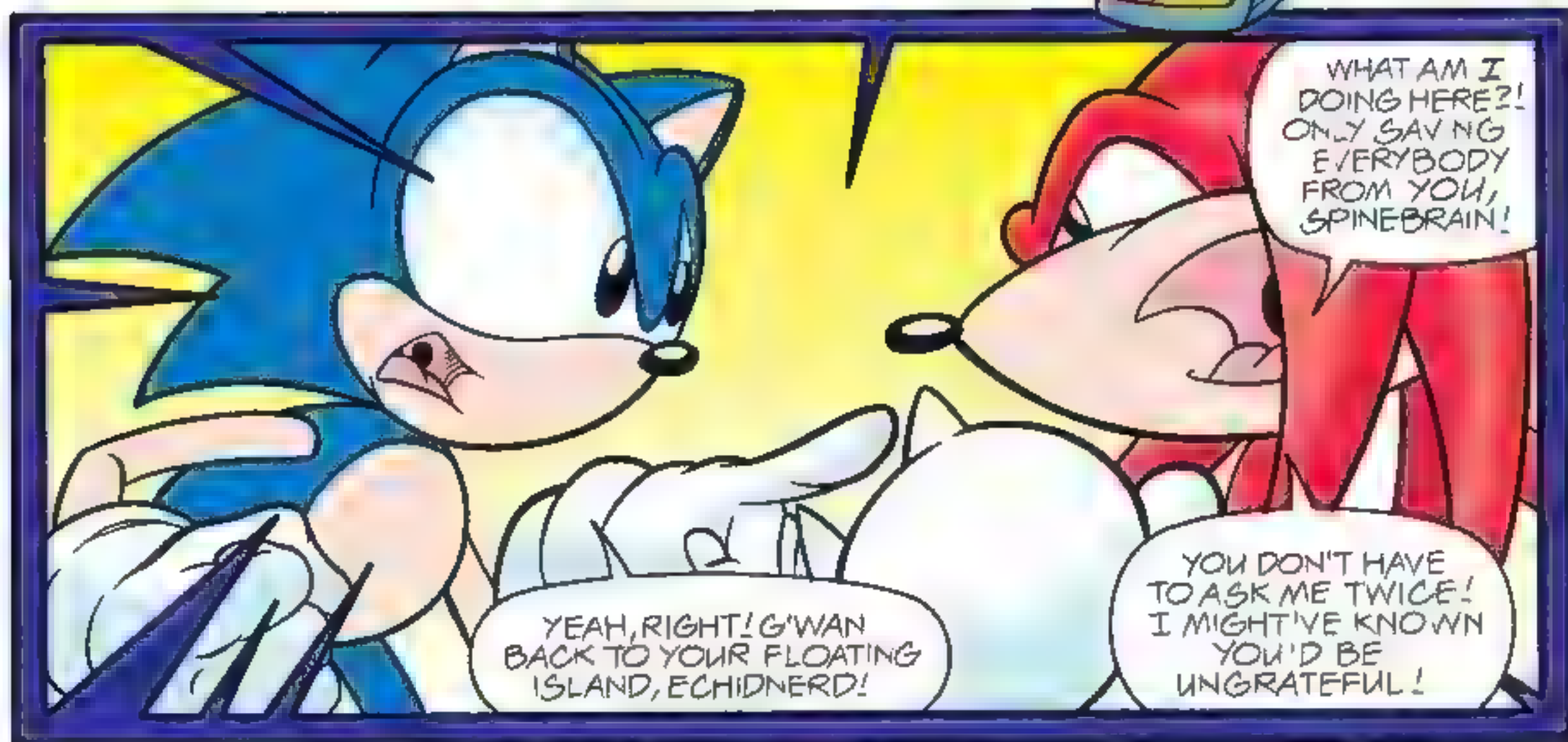
IT WORKED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

I WILL BE AFTER THIS MIGRAINE HEADACHE LETS UP!

WHOO!

NICE JOB, NICOLE!

WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S BACK AND BLUE!



NICE GOING, HOT-HEAD! AFTER KNUX SAVED ALL OUR BUTTS!

WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? LAST THING I REMEMBER IS BEING ROBOTICIZED...

KINGDOM OF ACORN RULEBOOK-- SECTION L, PARAGRAPH 73... NICOLE?

HANDCUFFS? WHAT'S THIS-- SOME KIND OF JOKE?

AU CONTRAIRE, SONIC, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

'TWAN?

"ANY SUBJECT DISOBEYING A DIRECT ORDER MUST BE TRIED FOR TREASON!"

==Gulp==

AND SONIC DID THAT WHEN HE ALLOWED ROBOTNIK TO MECHANIZE HIM!

NO! THAT'S NOT HOW IT HAPPENED!

SAVE IT FOR COURT, SONIC!

==Gasp== SALLY!

I'M AFRAID ANTOINE IS RIGHT... THE LAW IS CLEAR... TAKE THE TRAITOR IN!

THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

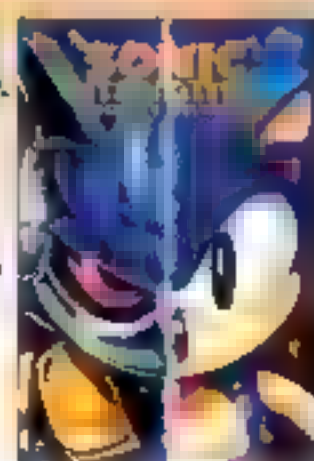
YOU'RE ALL NUTS! I'VE BEEN FRAMED!

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT...

THE END of
MECHA-SONIC

BUT, STAY TUNED FOR
THE COURT-MARTIAL OF

SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
IN
SONIC
ARCHIVES
#10



-Story Mode-
Select A Story

PATRICK SPAZIANTE

I started working at Archie in the winter of 1993. As simple as this sounds I answered an ad in the paper, and the rest is history.

Some of my favorite moments dealing with Sonic in the early years revolved around the small steps we were taking to move the book to a more action-oriented Comic. I never minded the comical overtones of the original stories, but being a fan of the games, I had felt that the book would benefit from a more adventurous take. Once we were able to create titles that were loosely based on the video game heritage, Sonic 25, for example, I remember being super excited at the future prospects of VG translations, and a book that could be more representative of a nice amalgam of the SatAM cartoons, and the Sega Games.

Books like the Super Specials and Knuckles Issues were great to be there for as well, considering that many people within the industry had already preconceived opinions that Sonic, being a licensed property, would only last for a limited run – without much growth potential. Seeing the book get specialty issues and spin-offs was a great boost to the collective talents that had various contributions to the book.

The “End Game” conclusion you’re about to read was the first Sonic project that I had worked on where everybody [at the time] from the pool of Sonic Talent had gotten to contribute part of the story to shape the book; it was a really unique gig.

In my years prior to that, I really hadn’t worked on a project with such a collaborative effort as that particular series.

It was a really great time to work on Sonic.

Patrick “Spaz” Spaziante

Patrick Spaz



In the year 8285, the ambitions of one being have affected the lives of **Sonic The Hedgehog**, his friends and all who dwell upon the planet **Mobius**. Up until now, the battle had been fought by a code of honor adhered to by the many, despite the treachery of the one.

But that was then. This is now.

Having lost his beloved by means most foul and framed for her apparent murder, Sonic now finds himself fighting for redemption against friend and foe alike, attempting to prove his innocence and ferret out the real villains in the process.

After surviving a crash landing on his way to the **Devil's Gulag**, a relentless pursuit by **Geoffrey St. John** and his crack troops, eventually making his way to **The Floating Island** with the assistance of the gentle dragon **Duley**, Sonic has come seeking the help of its guardian, **Knuckles The Echidna**.

Now, as the players assemble for the final act, they will all discover there is nothing more dangerous than **a hedgehog with a cause...**

JULIAN, OF THE
HOUSE OF IVO,
PREPARE TO BE
PUNISHED!

I'M AFRAID
I BADLY MIS-
CALCULATED!

ZAT

ZAT

THE SCHEME
WAS PERFECT, BUT
THE TIMING
WAS--

DID
YOU GET HIM,
LONDO?

I DON'T
SEE HIM,
JAKKAR!

HE'LL WANT
OUR HEADS IF
WE CAN'T BRING
BACK JULIAN'S,
THAT'S FOR
CERTAIN!

OOOF!

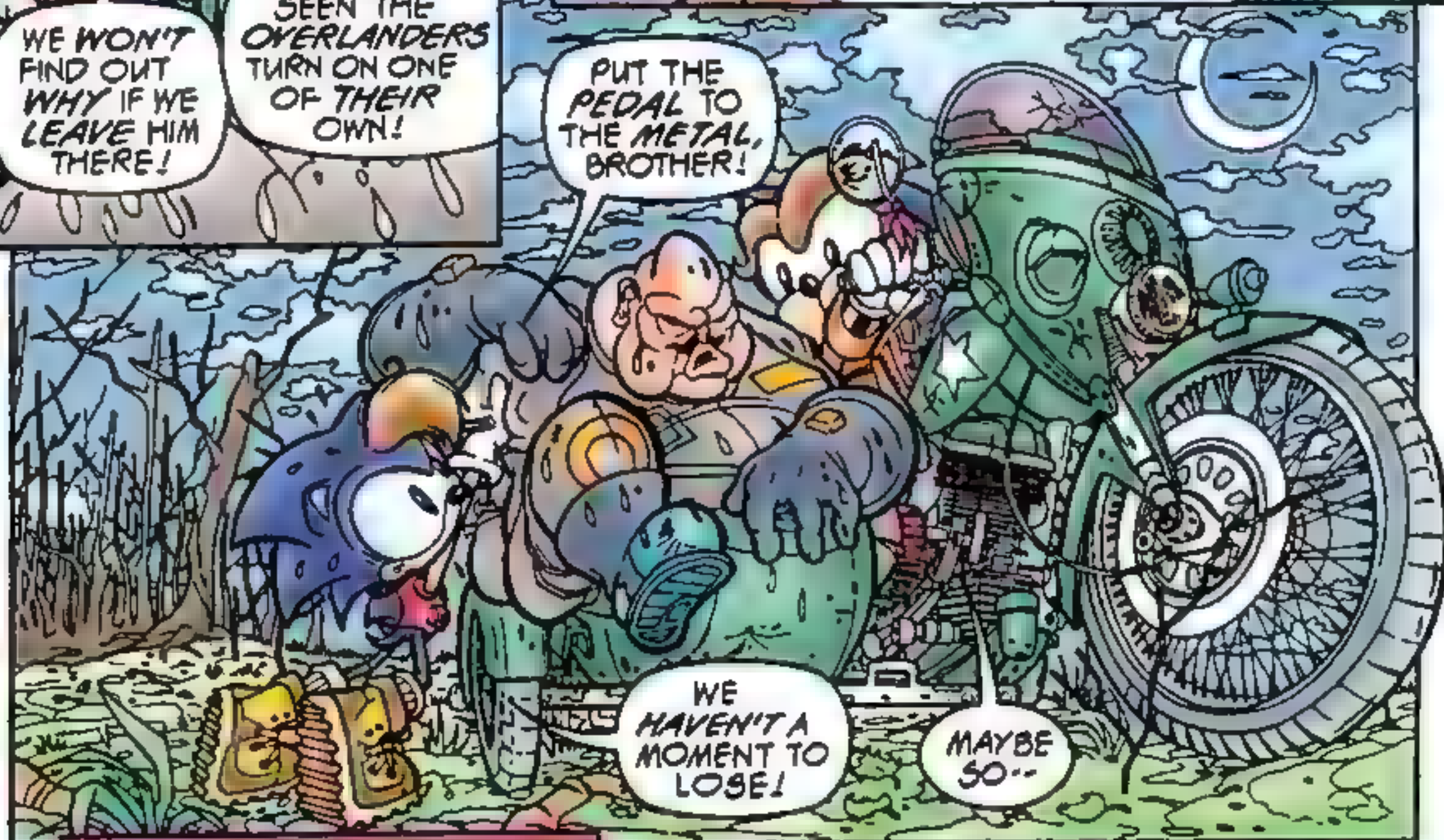
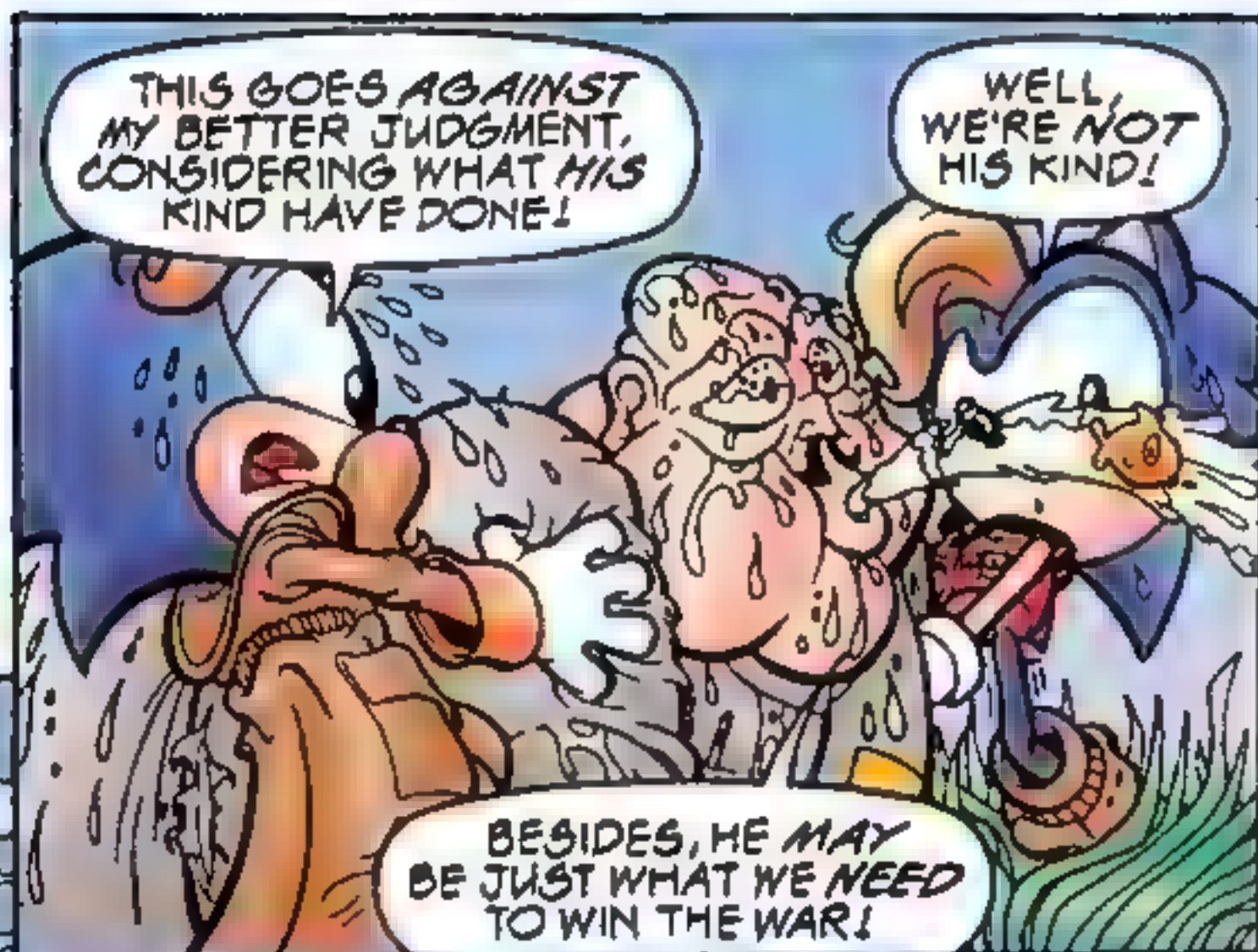
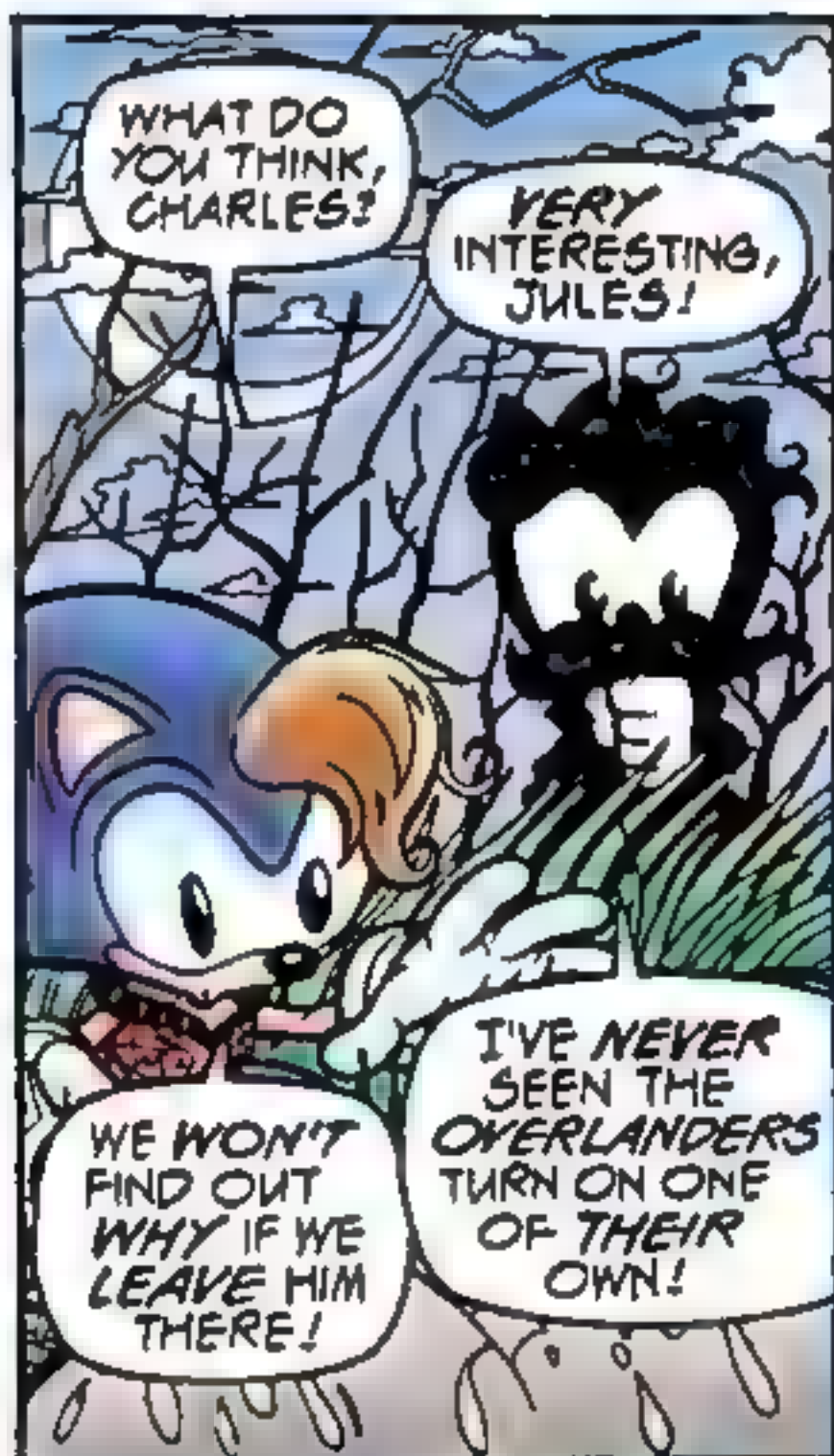
SPLASH

HE MUST BE
STILL RUNNING
SOMEWHERE UP
AHEAD!

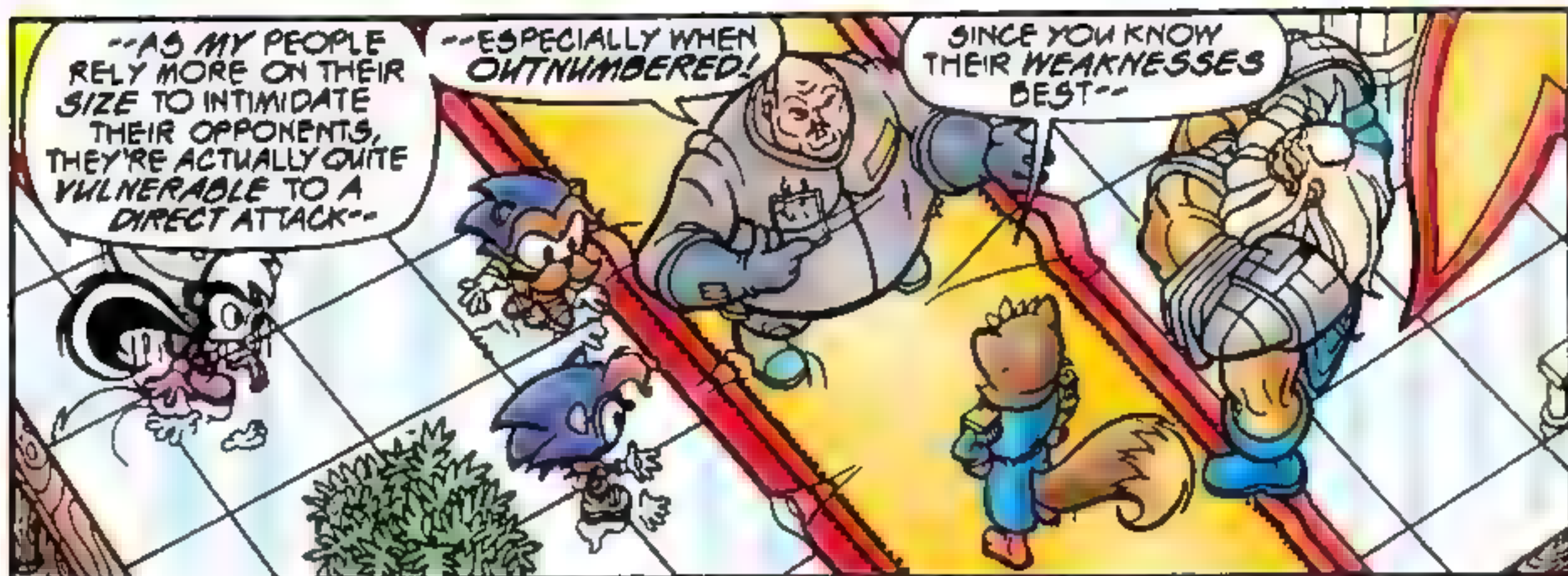
YOU KNOW
THE MINISTER
WON'T TOLERATE
FAILURE!

THIS
WAY!

BUB
BUB
BUB



"--BUT I CAN'T HELP HAVING A NASTY FEELING ABOUT OUR CARGO!"



"--IT SEEMS YOU'RE THE LOGICAL CHOICE
TO LEAD THE TROOPS, WARLORD JULIAN!"

AT MY
COMMAND--

THIS IS
INSANE, JULES!
HIM LEADING
US!

I'M SURE KING
ACORN HAS HIS
REASONS,
CHARLES!

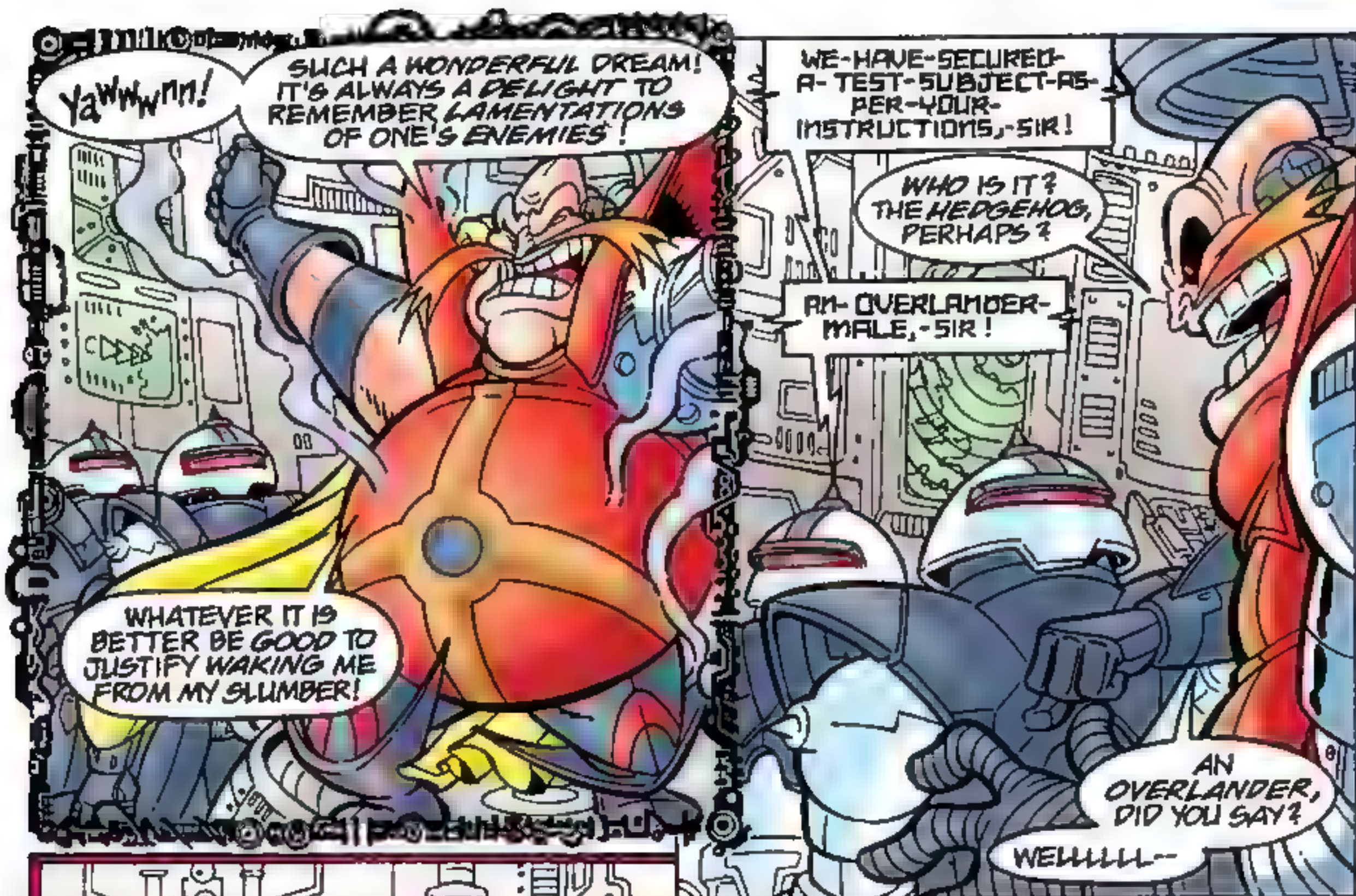
"FOR THE
KINGDOM!"

THE-MONITOR-
READINGS-ARE-
SHOWING-THE-
DOCTOR-MORE-
EXCITED-THAN-
USUAL!

IT-MUST-BE-
A-REALY-GOOD
DREAM!

UNFORTUNATELY--

--IT'S-TIME-TO
AWAKEN-HIM, CARE-
TO-DO-THE-
HONORS?



YAWN!!!

SUCH A WONDERFUL DREAM!
IT'S ALWAYS A DELIGHT TO
REMEMBER LAMENTATIONS
OF ONE'S ENEMIES!

WE-HAVE-SECURED-
A-TEST-SUBJECT-AS-
PER-YOUR-
INSTRUCTIONS,-SIR!

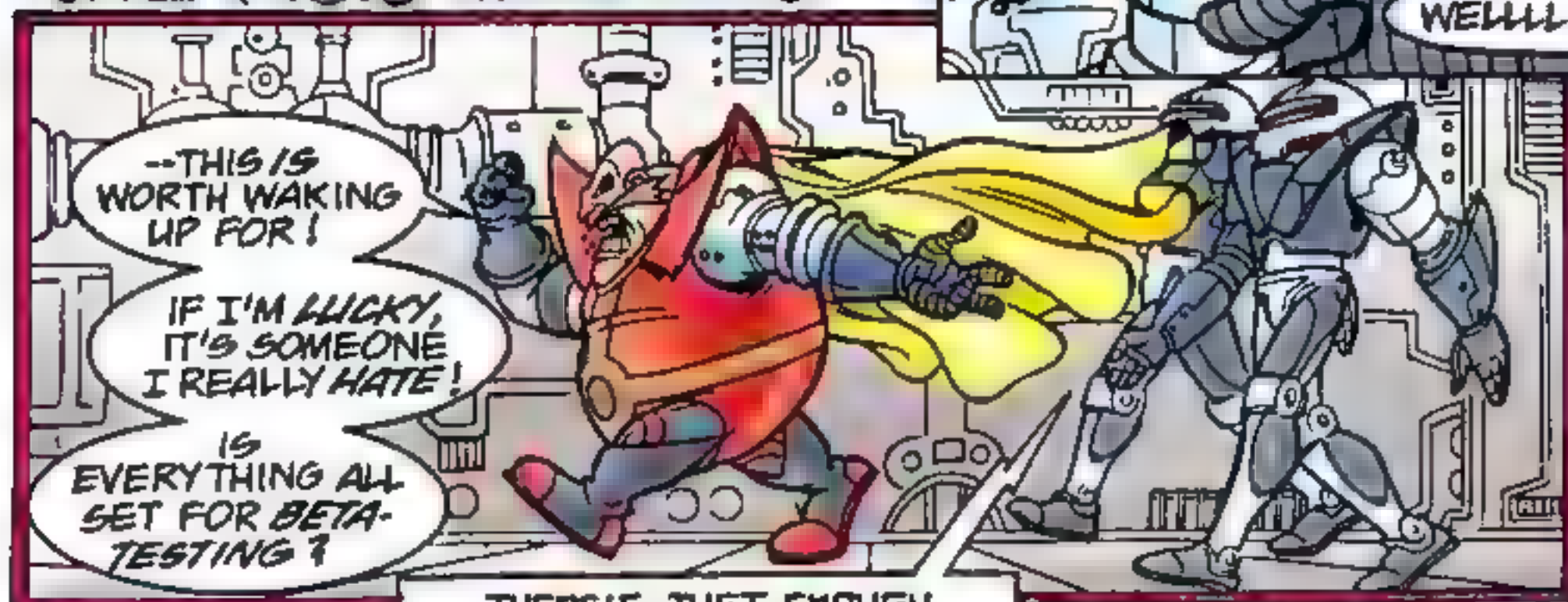
WHO IS IT?
THE HEDGEHOG,
PERHAPS?

AN OVERLANDER-
MALE,-SIR!

WHATEVER IT IS
BETTER BE GOOD TO
JUSTIFY WAKING ME
FROM MY SLUMBER!

AN
OVERLANDER,
DID YOU SAY?

WEHLLL--

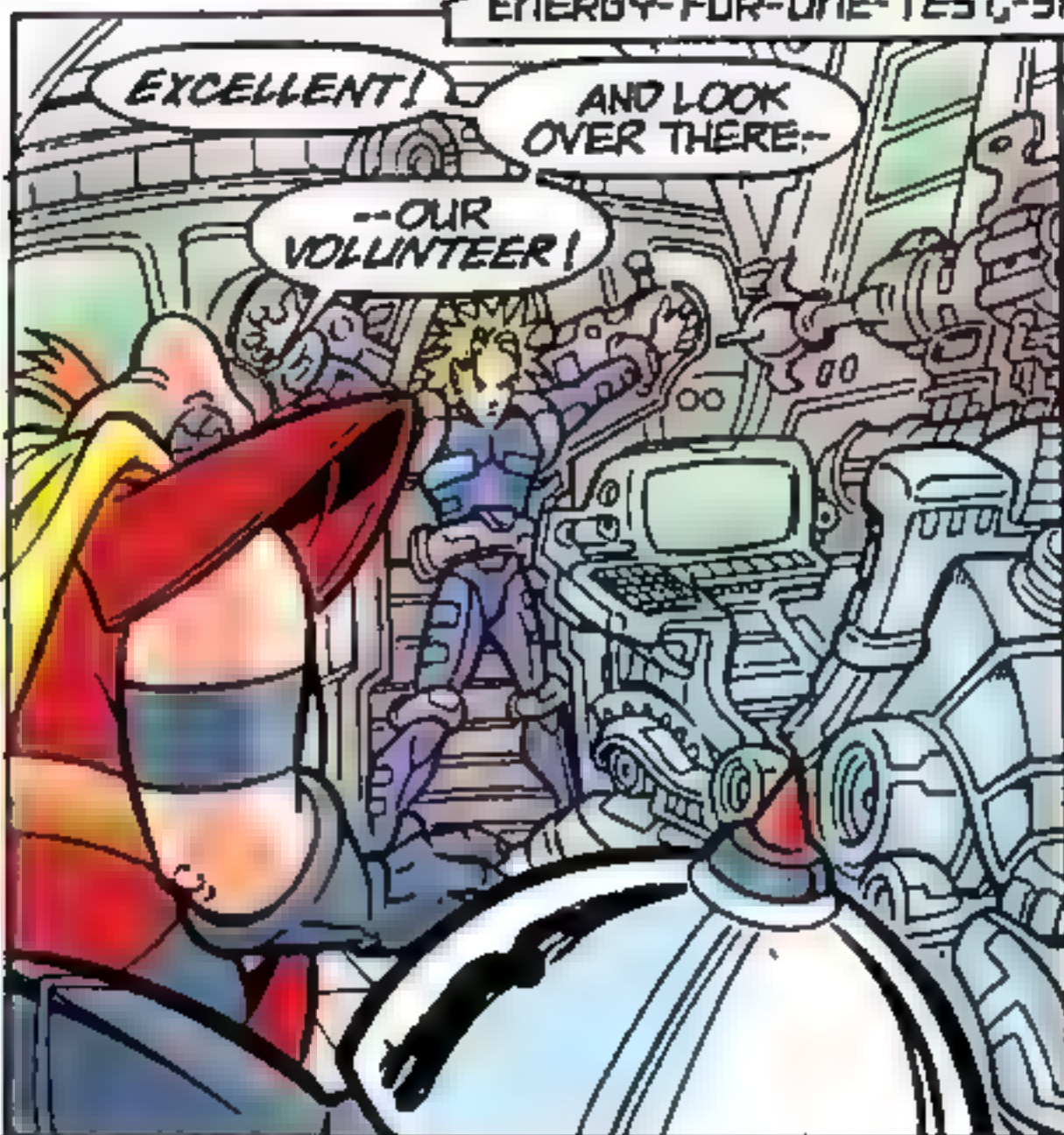


--THIS IS
WORTH WAKING
UP FOR!

IF I'M LUCKY,
IT'S SOMEONE
I REALLY HATE!

IS
EVERYTHING ALL
SET FOR BETA-
TESTING?

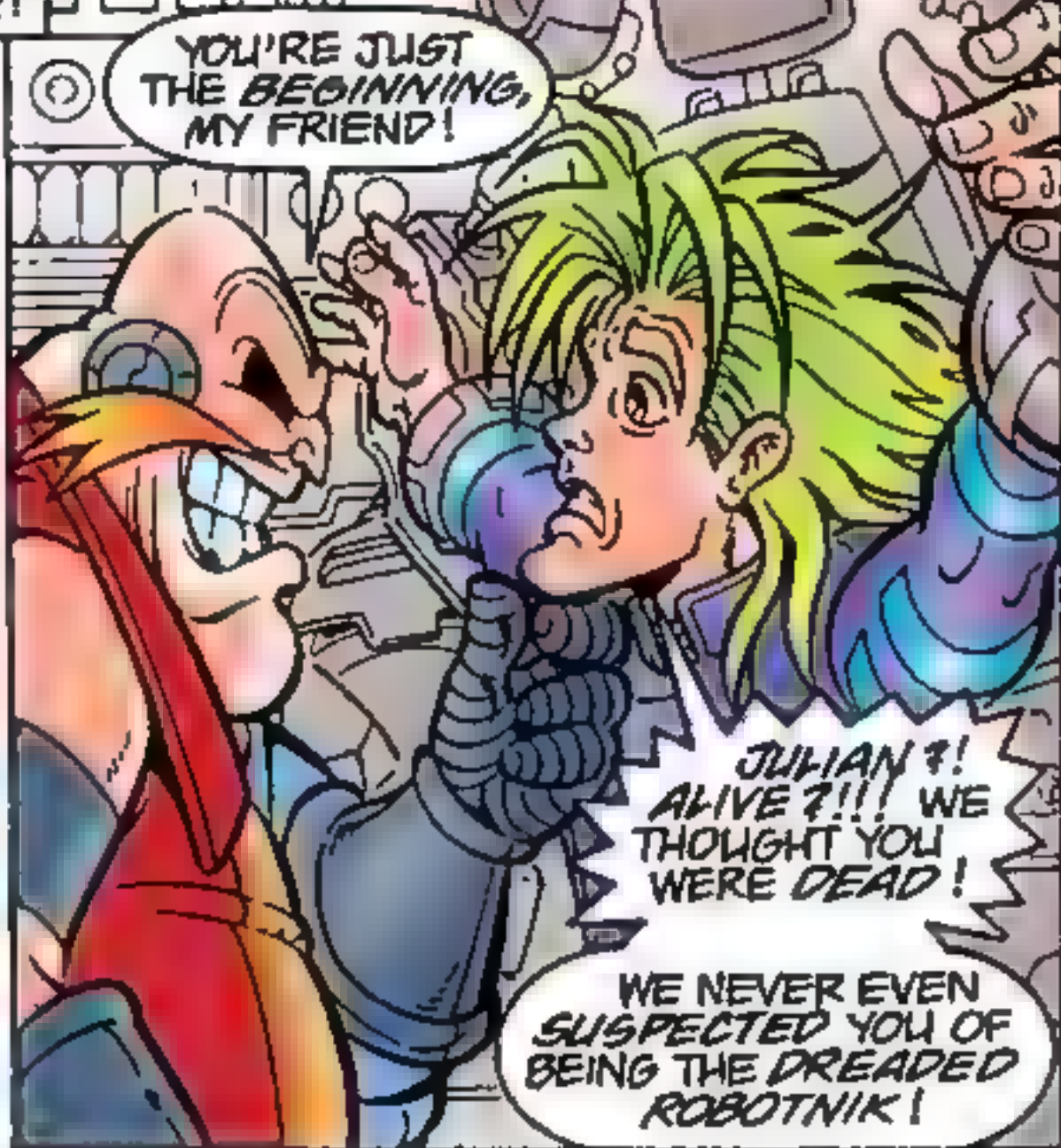
THERE'S JUST ENOUGH
ENERGY FOR ONE TEST,-SIR!



EXCELLENT!

AND LOOK
OVER THERE--

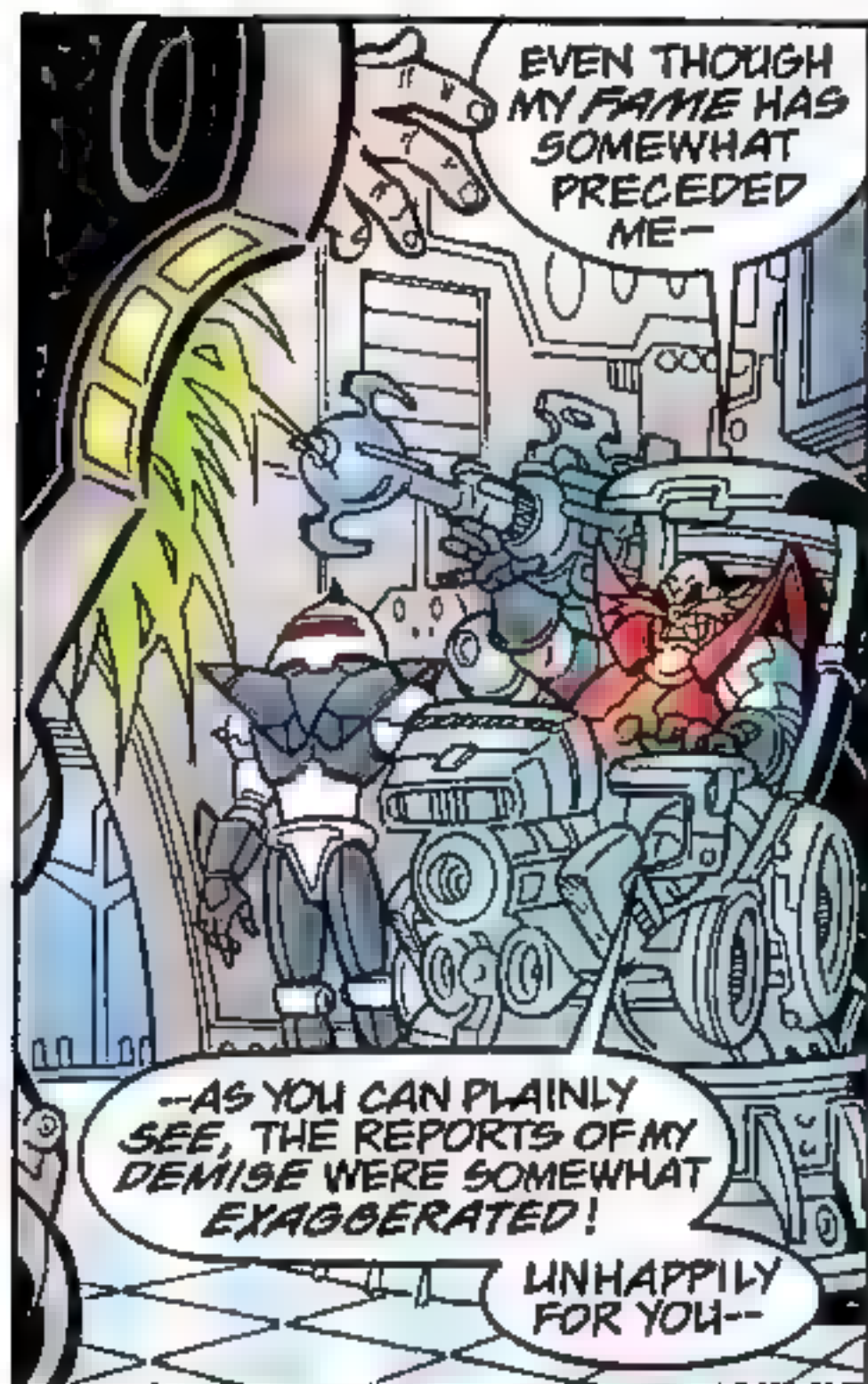
--OUR
VOLUNTEER!



YOU'RE JUST
THE BEGINNING,
MY FRIEND!

JULIAN?!
ALIVE?!?! WE
THOUGHT YOU
WERE DEAD!

WE NEVER EVEN
SUSPECTED YOU OF
BEING THE DREADED
ROBOTNIK!

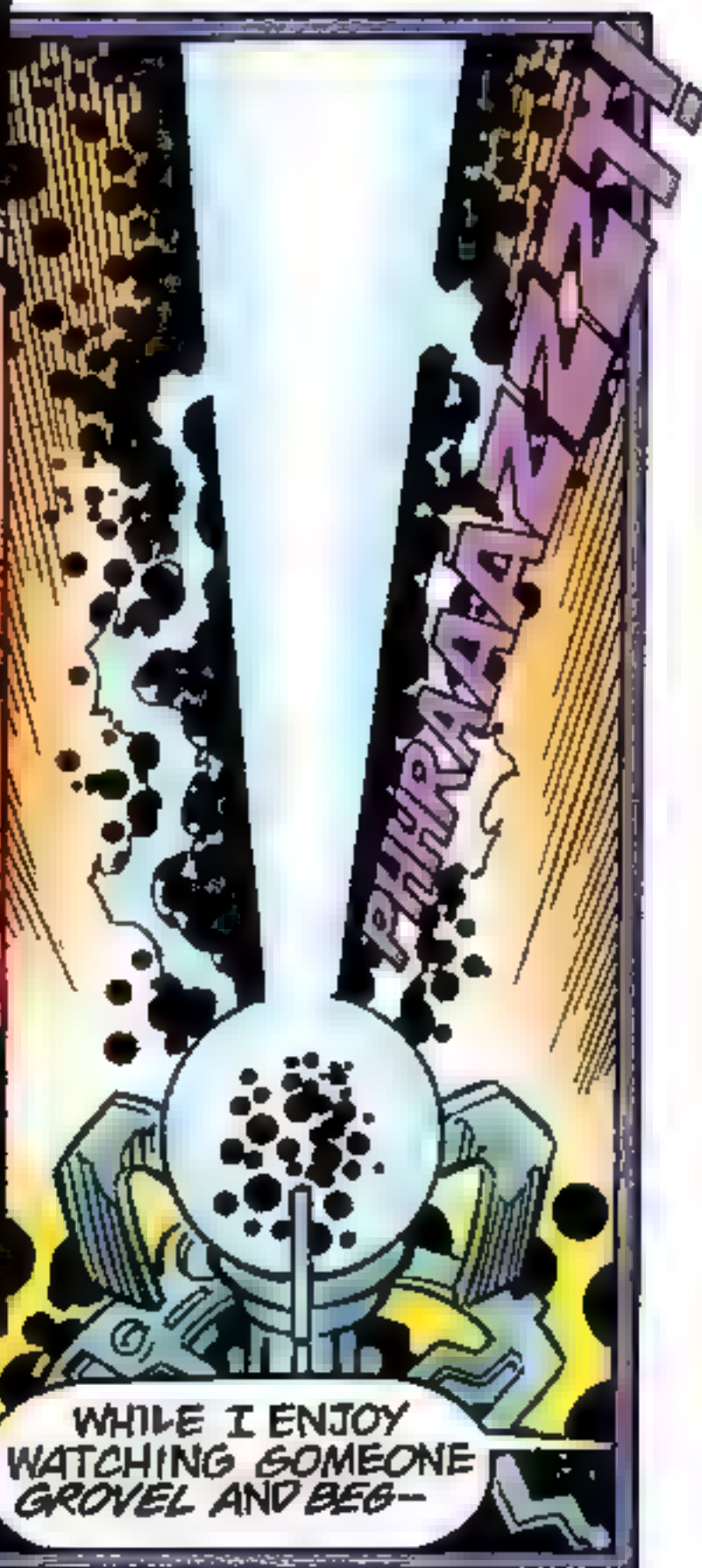


--AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE, THE REPORTS OF MY DEMISE WERE SOMEWHAT EXAGGERATED!

UNHAPPILY FOR YOU--



WAIT!!!
CAN'T WE TALK THIS OVER?!!!



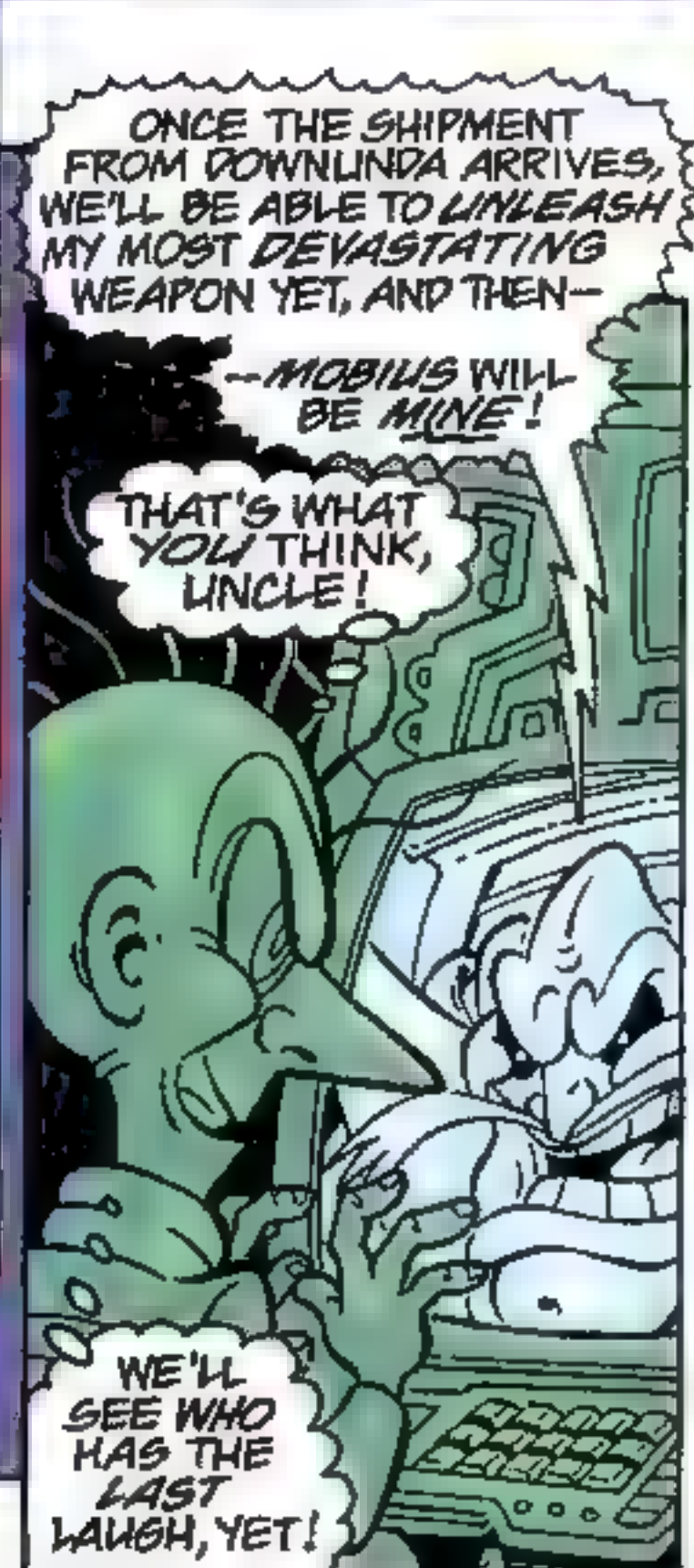
WHILE I ENJOY WATCHING SOMEONE GROVEL AND BEG--



--I'M AFRAID OTHER CONSIDERATIONS OUTWEIGH PERSONAL PLEASURES!

EUREKA!
I'VE DONE IT AGAIN!

ANOTHER RESOUNDING TRIUMPH ON MY PART!



ONCE THE SHIPMENT FROM DOWNLINDA ARRIVES, WE'LL BE ABLE TO UNLEASH MY MOST DEVASTATING WEAPON YET, AND THEN--

--MOBIUS WILL BE MINE!

THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK, UNCLE!

WE'LL SEE WHO HAS THE LAST LAUGH, YET!

FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS!

LISTEN UP, KNUX!
I NEED YOUR HELP TO
CLEAR MY NAME! I'M
BEING FRAMED!

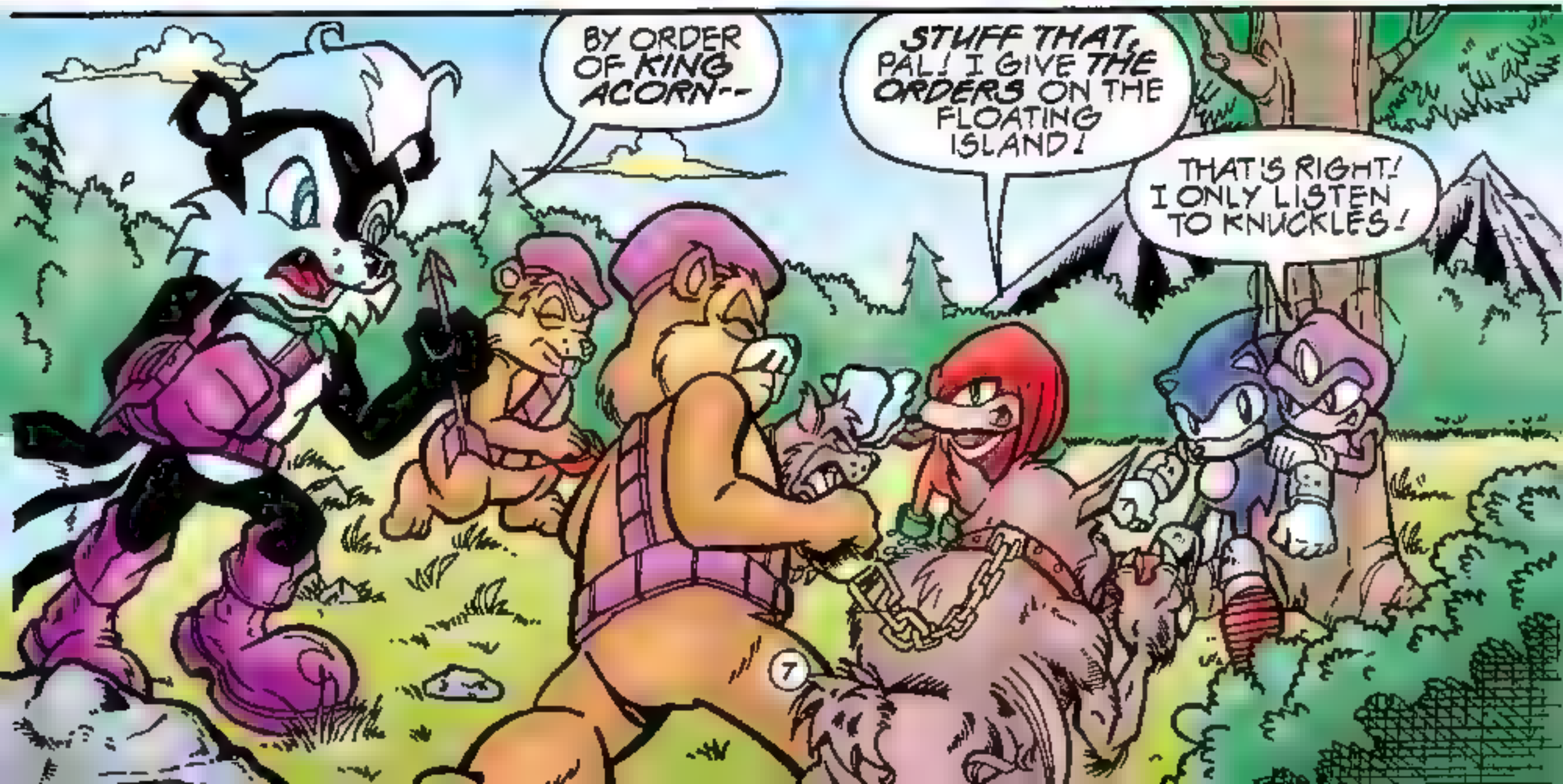
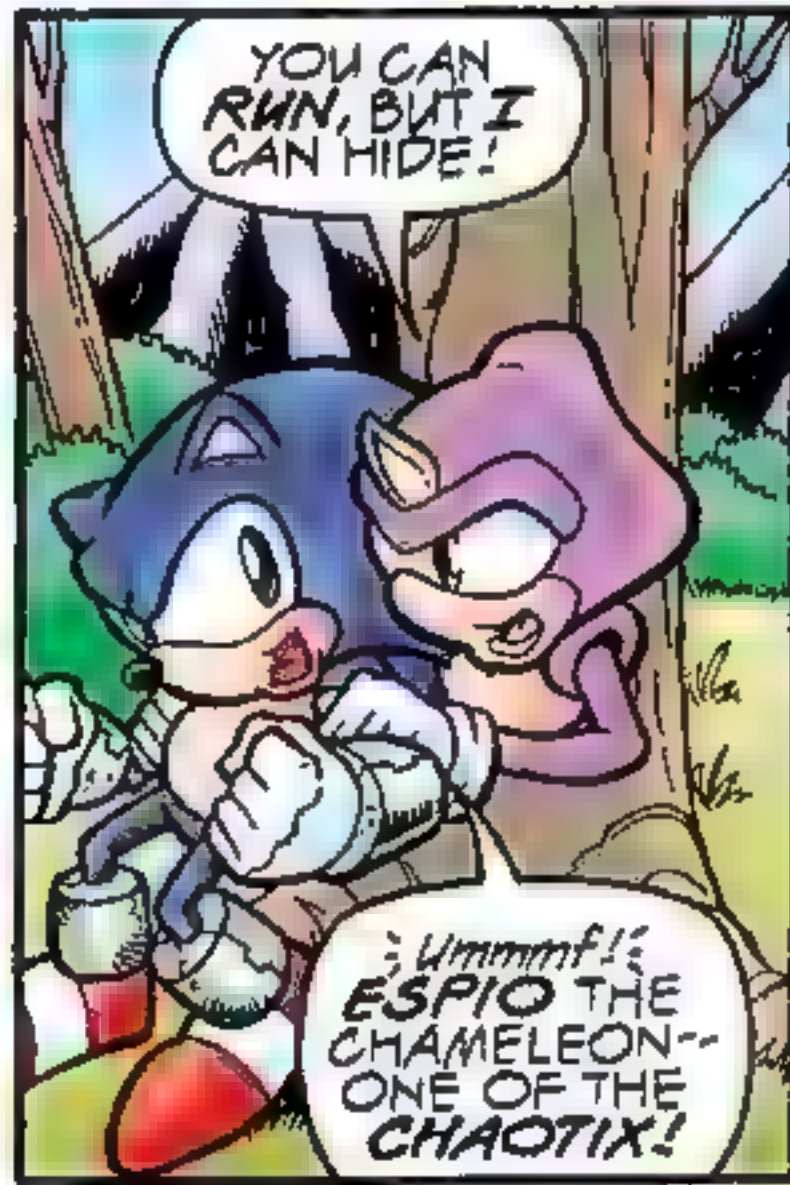
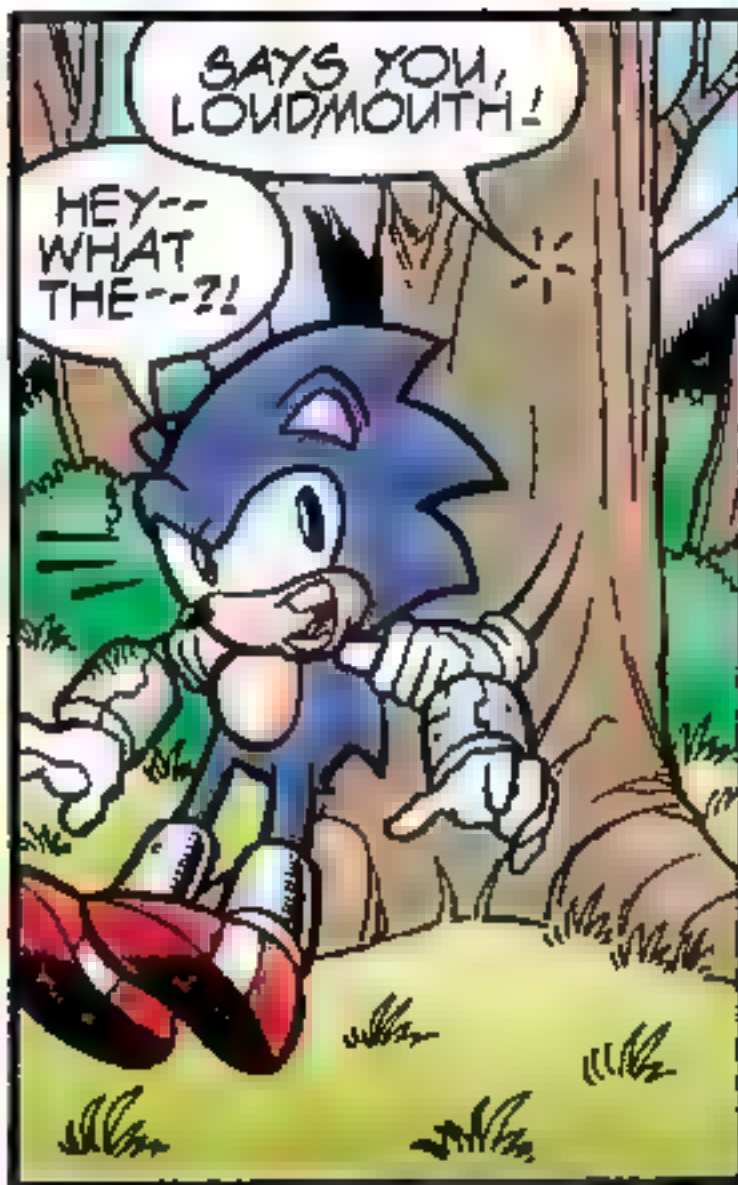
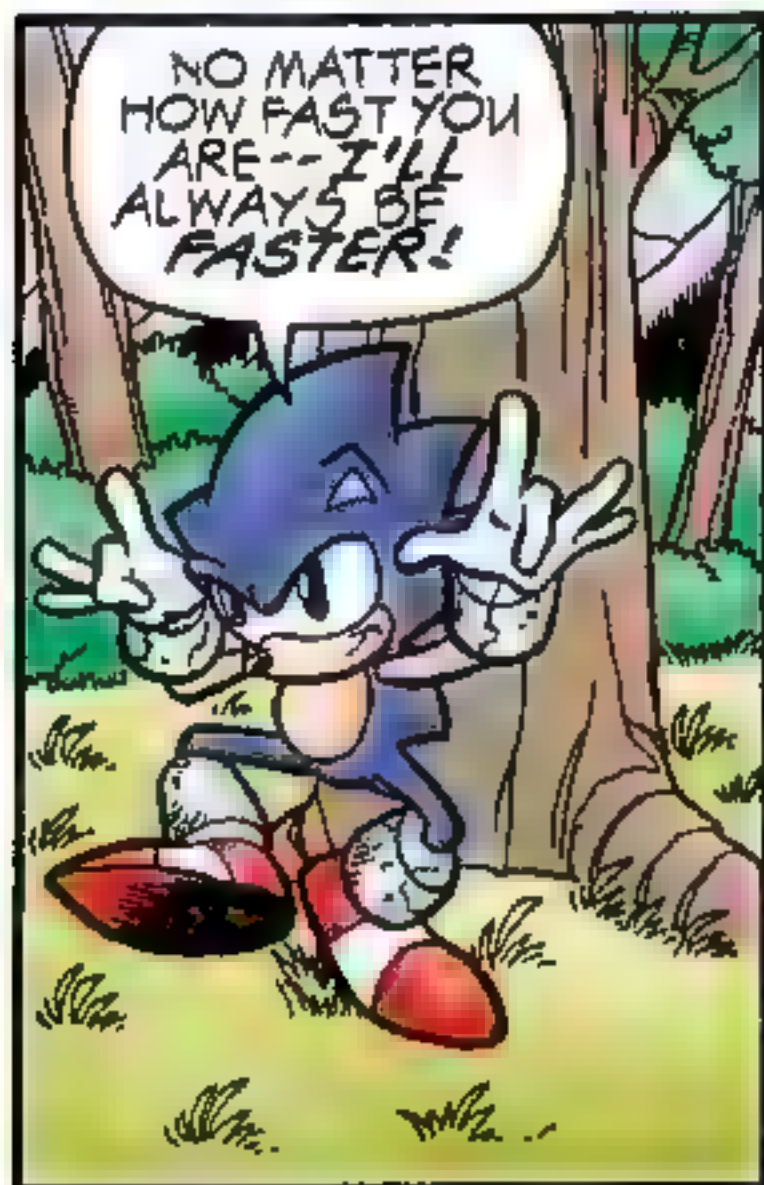
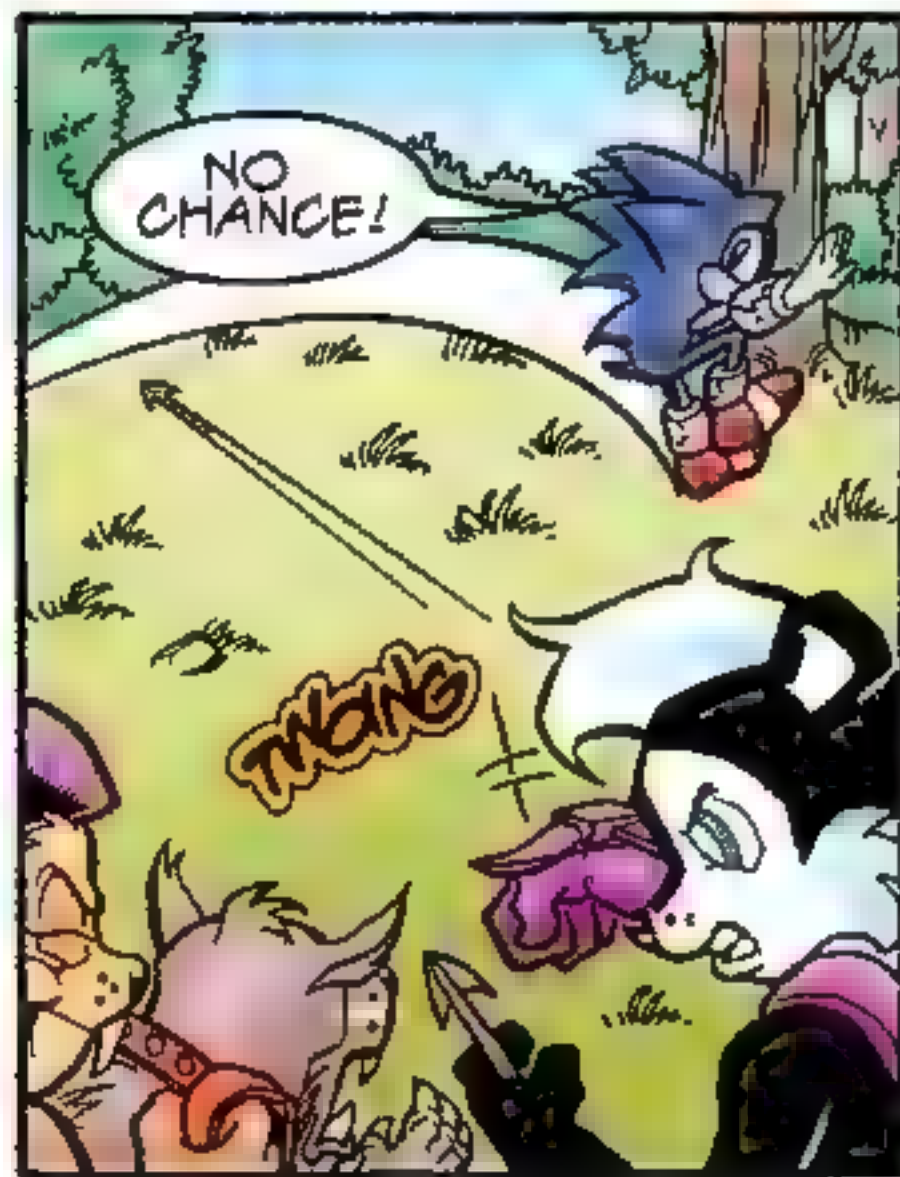
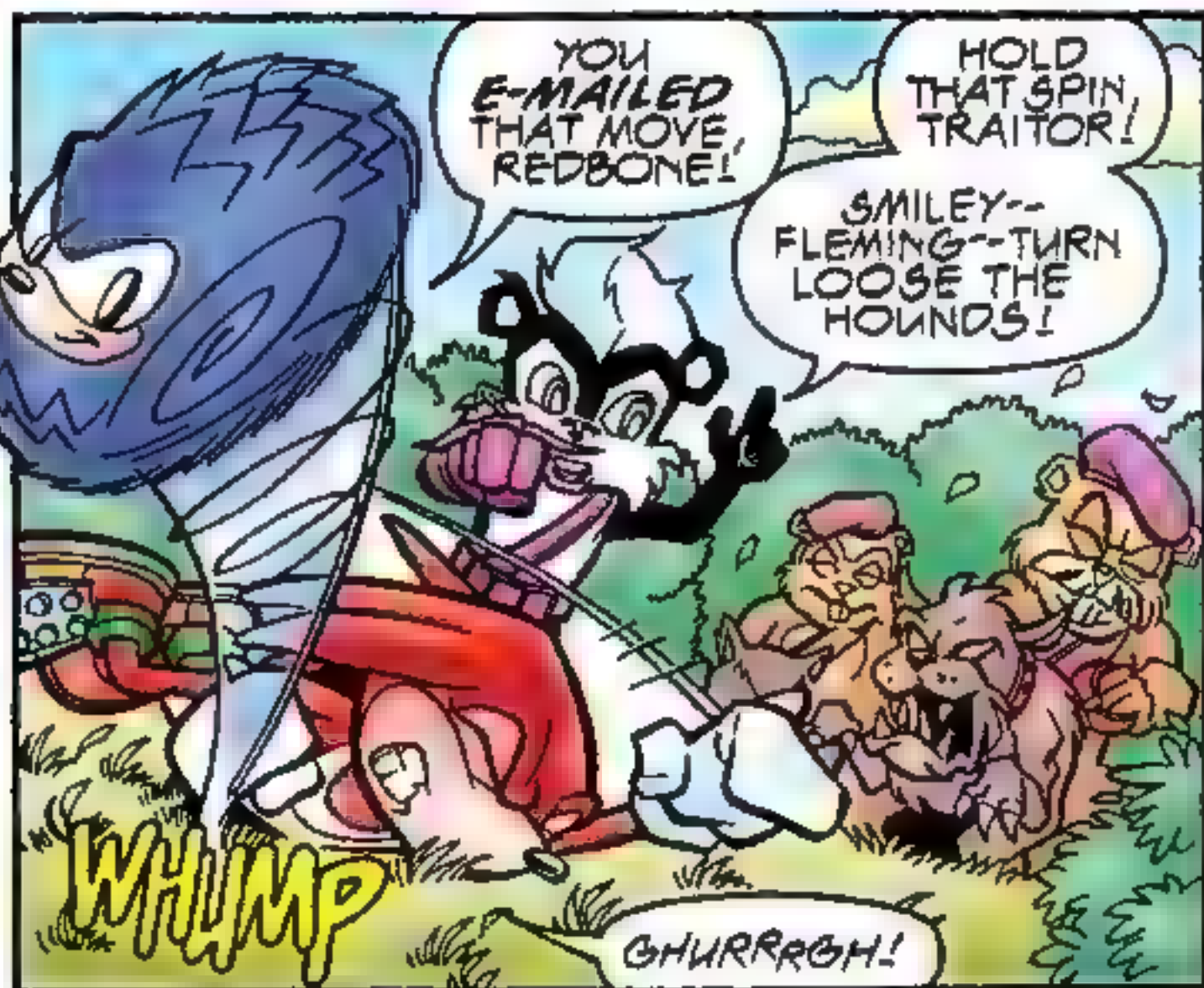
AS PERSONAL GUARD
TO KING ACORN OF MOBIUS,
I DEPUTIZE AND COMMAND
YOU TO HELP ME BRING
PRINCESS SALLY'S ASSASSIN
TO JUSTICE!

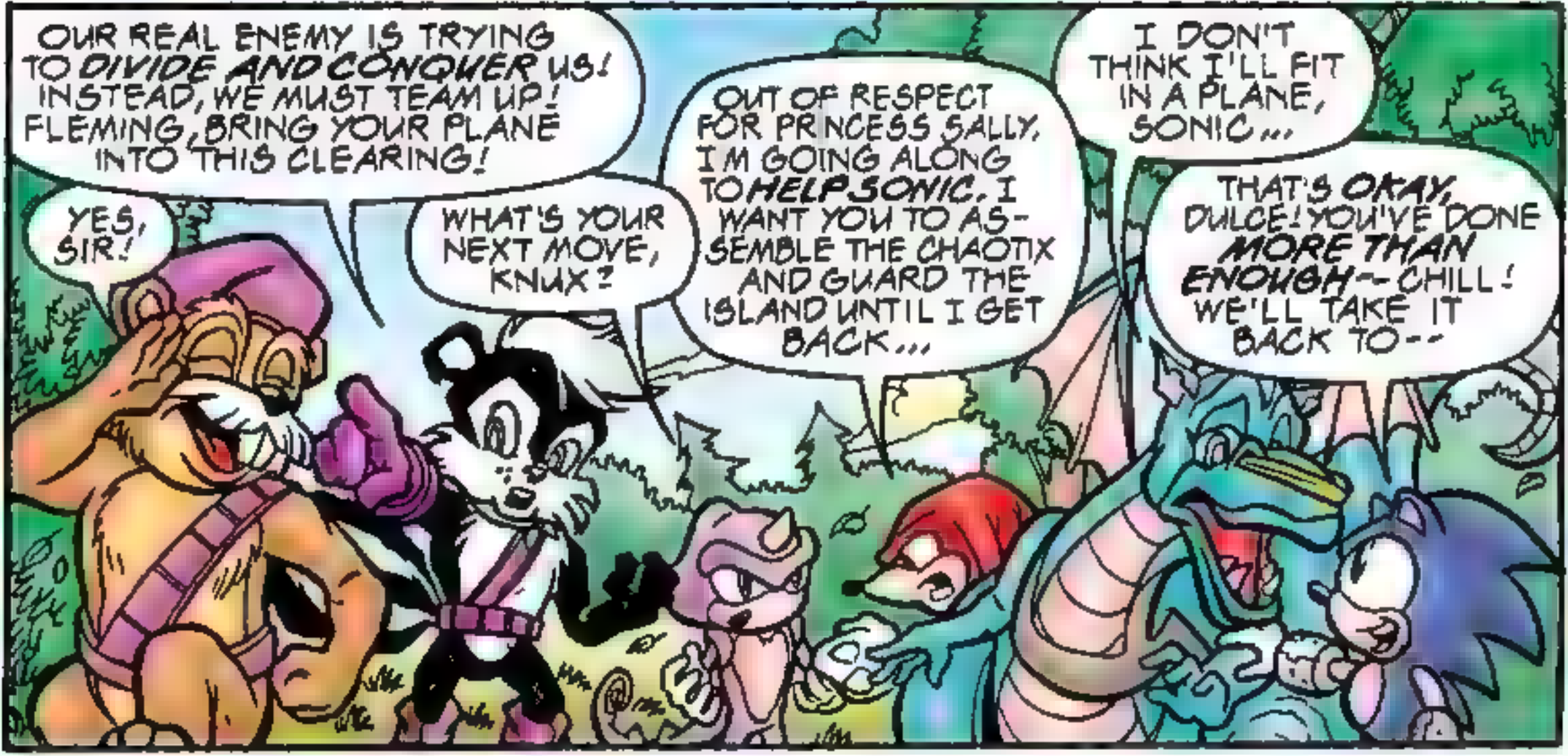
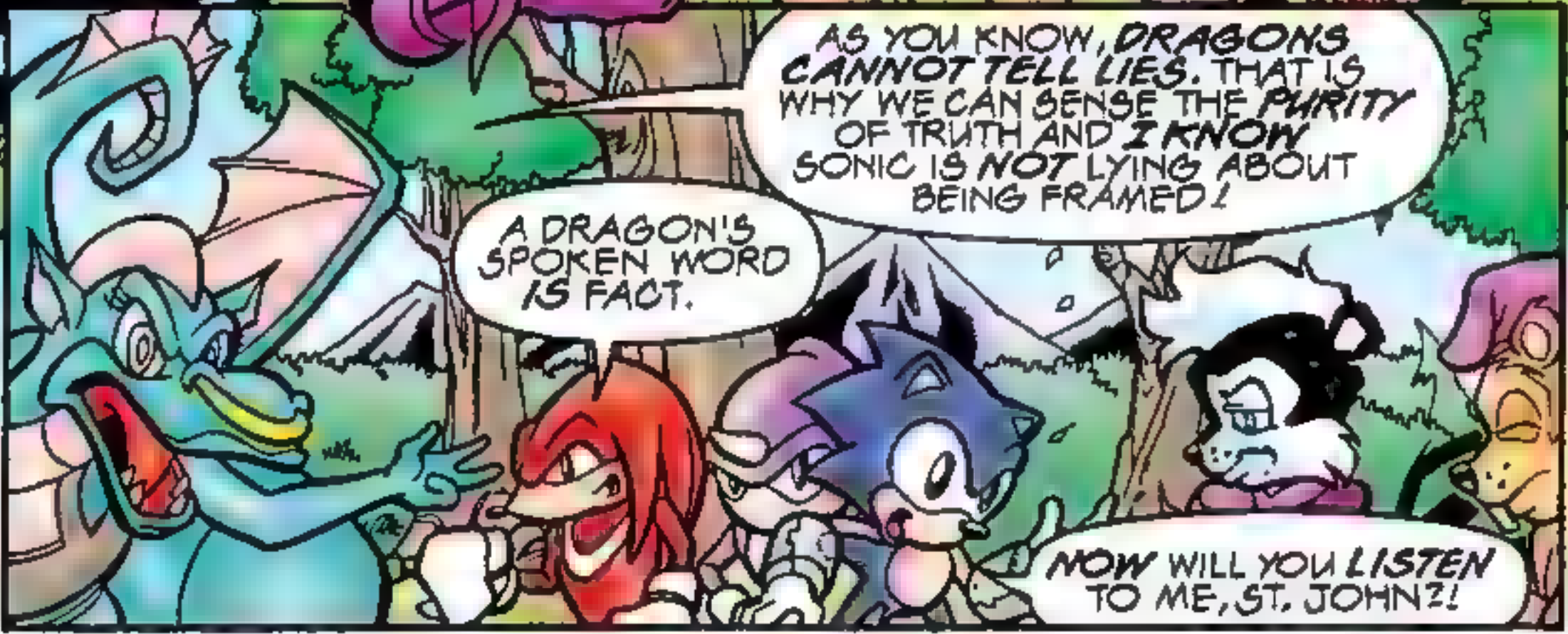
WHAT?!
PUH-PRINCESS
SALLY--
DEAD?!

I TOLD
HER YOU WERE
NO GOOD--
ARRRR!

NO!
YOU GOTTA
BELIEVE ME...
DON'T--

CAN'T GET
A CLEAR SHOT
AT THE
HEDGEHOG...





"--KNOTHOLE!"

MOVE-
ALONG!

YOU-WILL-
ALL-BE-
ROBOTICIZED!

MECHA-
SLAVERY-IS
INEVITABLE~
ESCAPE-IS
IMPOSSIBLE!

WE FREEDOM
FIGHTERS HAVE
DONE THE
IMPOSSIBLE
BEFORE!

LET'S GET TO THE
BATHYSPHERE AND THE
SEA FOX! WE'VE GOT
TO GET HELP FROM
SOME OF THE OTHER
FREEDOM FIGHTER
GROUPS!

I CAN'T BELIEVE
THAT ROBOTNIK
FOUND OUR
SECRET VILLAGE
LOCATION!

THE WAY THINGS
HAVE BEEN GOING
LATELY, NOTHING
SURPRISES ME.

AT LEAST HE
DOESN'T KNOW
ABOUT OUR
UNDERGROUND
CANAL SYSTEM
AND WATER
VEHICLES.

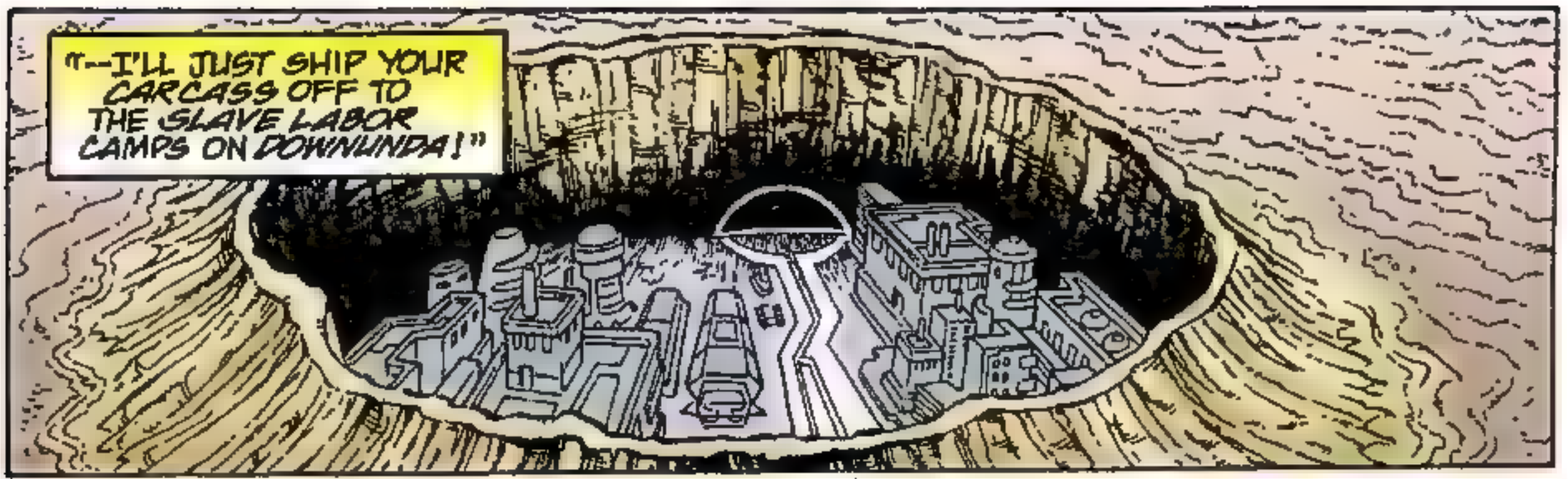
HOLY
ABALONE!

SHIP! THEN
AGAIN, HE
MIGHT!

WELL, WELL--
IF IT ISN'T BLUBBER-
BREATH AND THE TWO-
TAILED FREAK!

GAME OVER,
FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BACK UPSTAIRS
AND JOIN THE REST
OF THE LOSERS!

YOU'RE MY PRISONERS
NOW! AND IF YOU'RE
REAL GOOD--

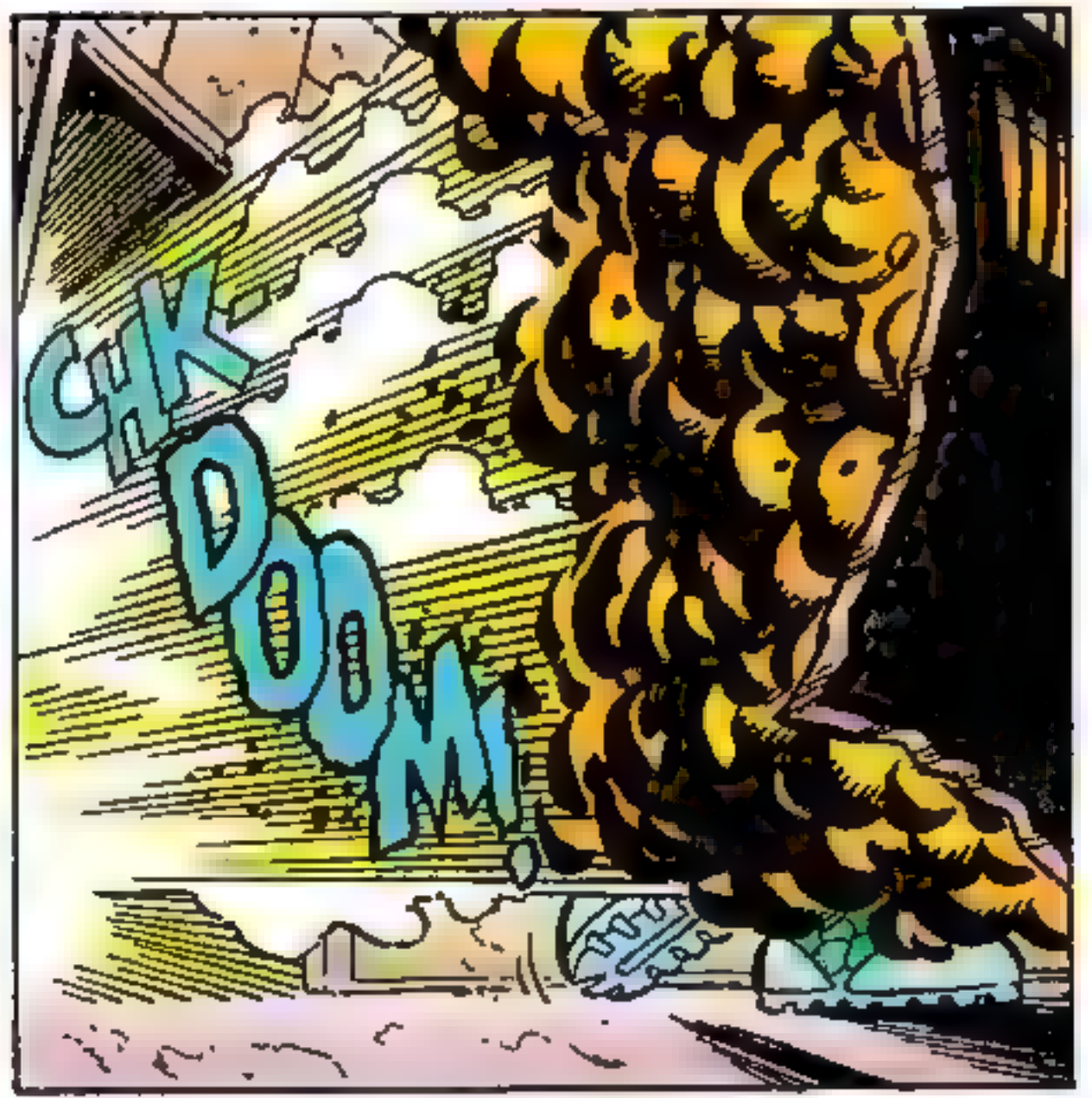


"--I'LL JUST SHIP YOUR CARCASS OFF TO THE SLAVE LABOR CAMPS ON DOWNLUNDA!"



BUNNIE--NO!
DON'T FOOL WEETH ZEE
COLLAIRE!

HOLD
STILL-- IF
AH CAN
JUST--



CHK
DOOM!

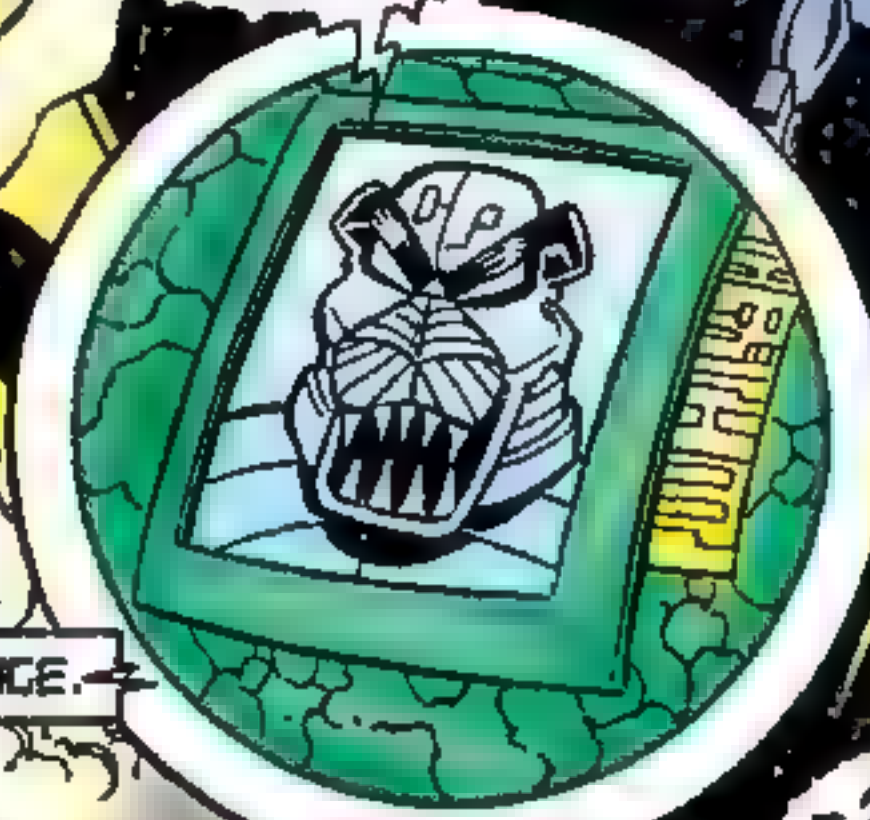


CELL-GUARD-CALLING-CROCBOT-
KNOTHOLE-PRISONER'S-COLLAR-
HAS-BEEN-DETONATED--
DESTROYING-ALL-FOUR-INMATES.

TOO BAD. I WAS
LOOKING FORWARD TO
TORTURING THEM. I STILL
HAVE THE OTHER THREE
LEFT!

VERY WELL--
'REPORT TO
THE LOADING
DOCK!

AT-ONCE.

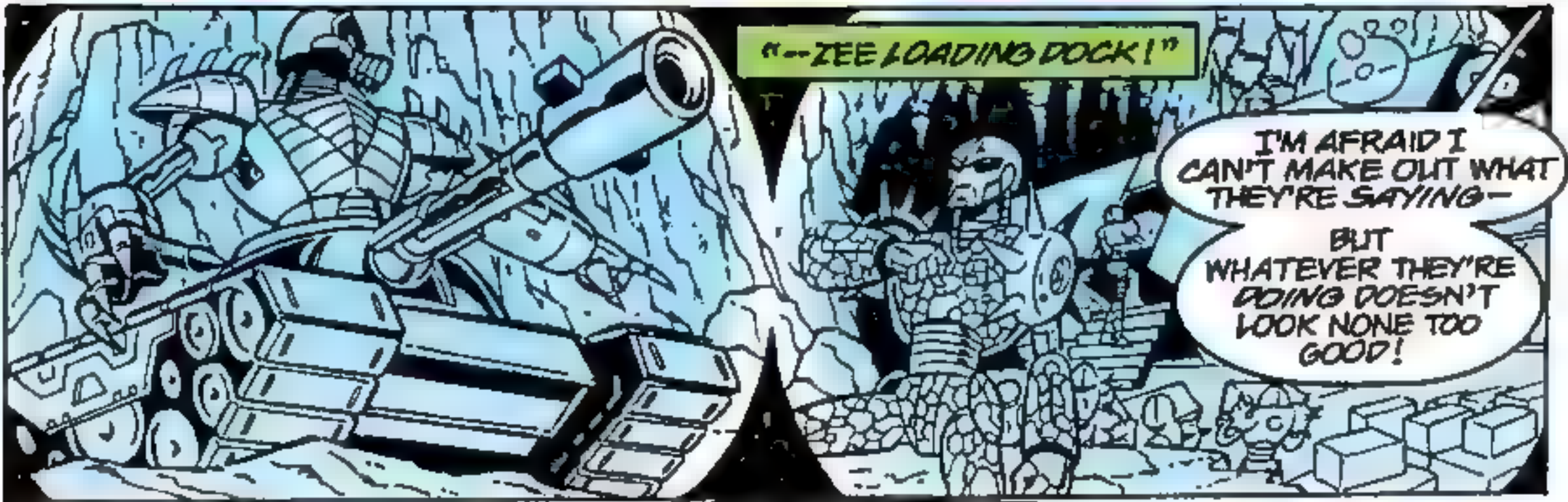


DID YOU
HEAR THAT?

SOUNDS
LIKE OUR
TEAMMATES
ARE STILL
ALIVE!

WE BETTER
FIND THEM--
AND FAST!

AFTER ZAT,
I SUGGEST WE
MAKE OUR WAY
TO--



"--ZEE LOADING DOCK!"

I'M AFRAID I
CAN'T MAKE OUT WHAT
THEY'RE SAYING--
BUT
WHATEVER THEY'RE
DOING DOESN'T
LOOK NONE TOO
GOOD!



WE'LL CREATE A DIVERSION BY
TAKING OUT CROCBOT AND HIS CREW,
BUT IT'S UP TO YOU TO GET YOURSELVES
ONTO THE AIRBUS!

SEEING AS ZEE
AIRBUS EES OUR
TICKET HOME.

READY, DEAR
BUNNIE?

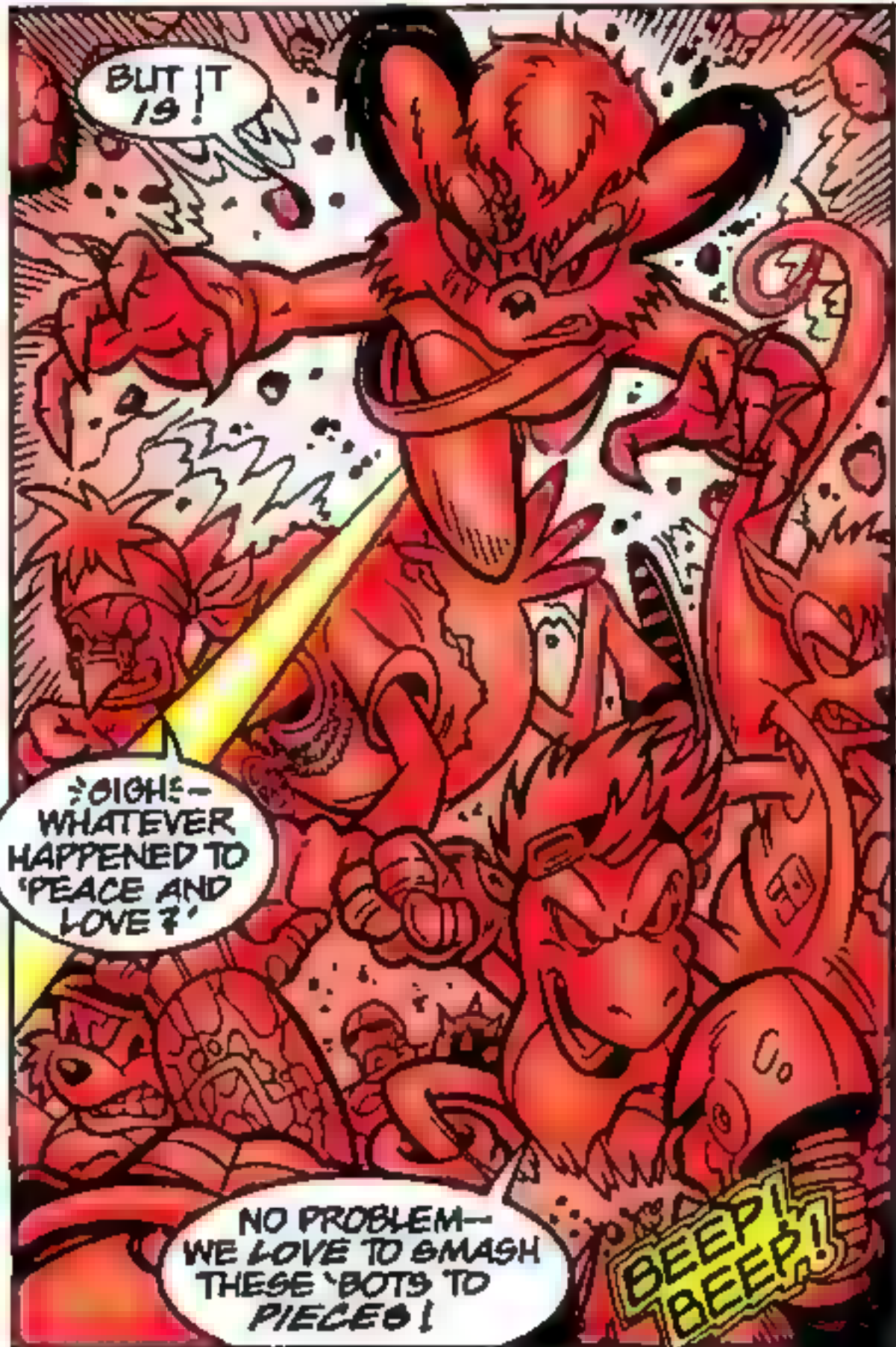
AS EVAH!



HEY THERE,
TALL-GREEN-AND-
GRUESOME!

WE HAVE
A CIRCUIT OR
TWO TO PICK
WITH YOU.

3GASP!3
THAT VOICE!
IT CAN'T BE--

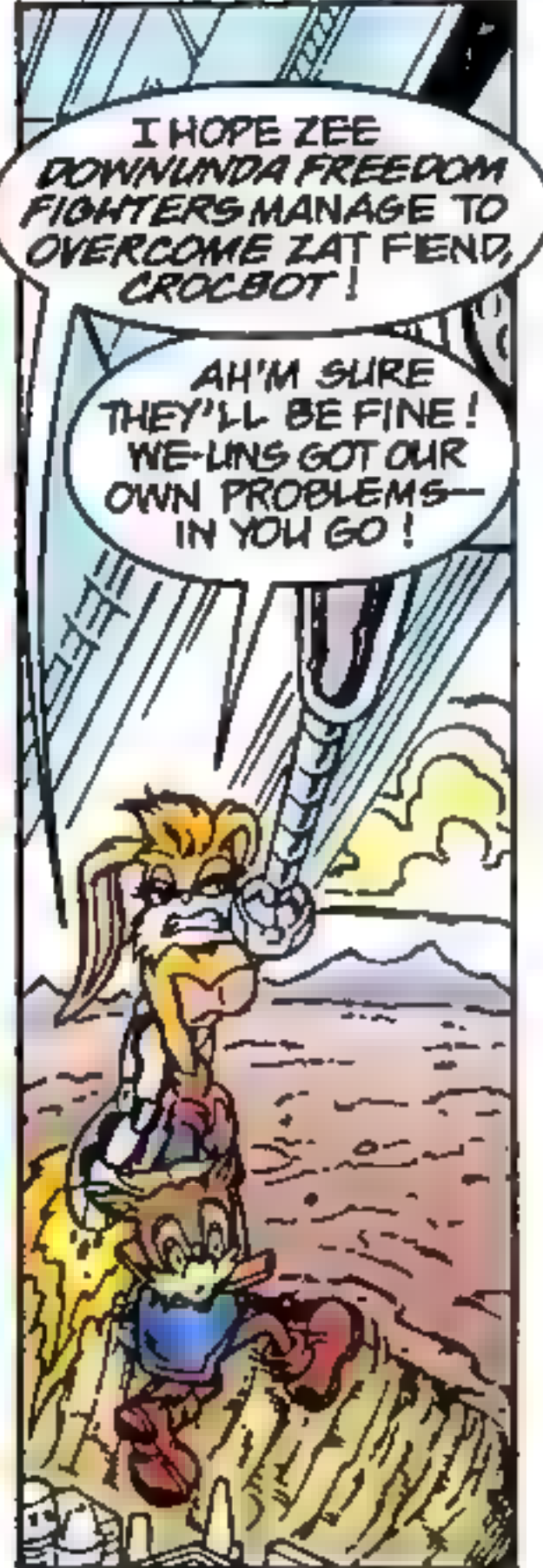


BUT IT
IS!

3OIGH3--
WHATEVER
HAPPENED TO
'PEACE AND
LOVE?'

NO PROBLEM--
WE LOVE TO SMASH
THESE 'BOTS TO
PIECES!

BEEPI!
BEEPI!



I HOPE ZEE
DOWNUNDA FREEDOM
FIGHTERS MANAGE TO
OVERCOME ZAT FEND,
CROCBOT!

AH'M SURE
THEY'LL BE FINE!
WE-LINS GOT OUR
OWN PROBLEMS--
IN YOU GO!

"IVO ROBOTNIK IN ROBOTROPOLIS
CALLING CROCBOT'S CRATER IN
DOWNUNDA..."

COME IN,
CROCBOT!

WHAT?!

LOOK, I'M DEALING
WITH AN UPRISING HERE
AT THE PRISON CAMP!
THE MINERAL ORE
WE'VE MINED IS ALREADY
ON ITS WAY TO YOU!

Ahhh... THAT'S
ALL I WANTED TO
KNOW--ROBOTNIK,
OVER AND
OUT!

HA! ONCE I GET
THE ORE, MY ULTIMATE
ANNIHILATOR WILL
BE OPERATIONAL!

AT WHICH TIME, I
WILL UNLEASH THE
HA'S POWER ON THE
VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE,
ERASING IT FROM EX-
ISTENCE FOREVER!

I MUST RETURN
TO MY SLUMBER CHAM-
BER BEFORE THE ORE
ARRIVES. I WANT TO BE
WELL RESTED FOR MY
ULTIMATE VICTORY!
HAHAHAHA!

COME-ON--
FASTER,
SPECIMENS!

SHODDER
LOOKS LIKE
THE END OF
THE LINE, OL'
BUDDY...

WAIT--WHAT'S
THAT NOISE OVER-
HEAD? IT'S...

...IT'S-AN-
AIRPLANE!

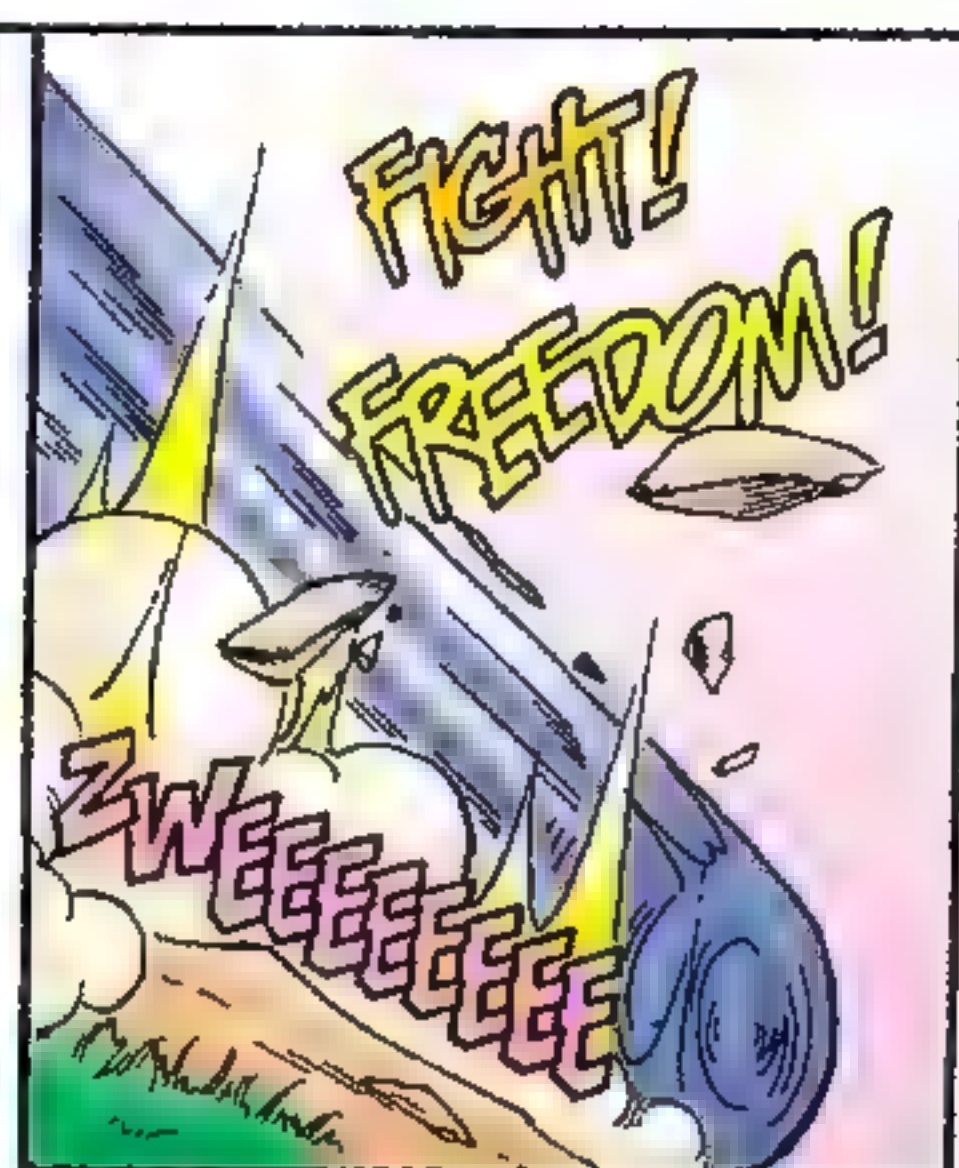
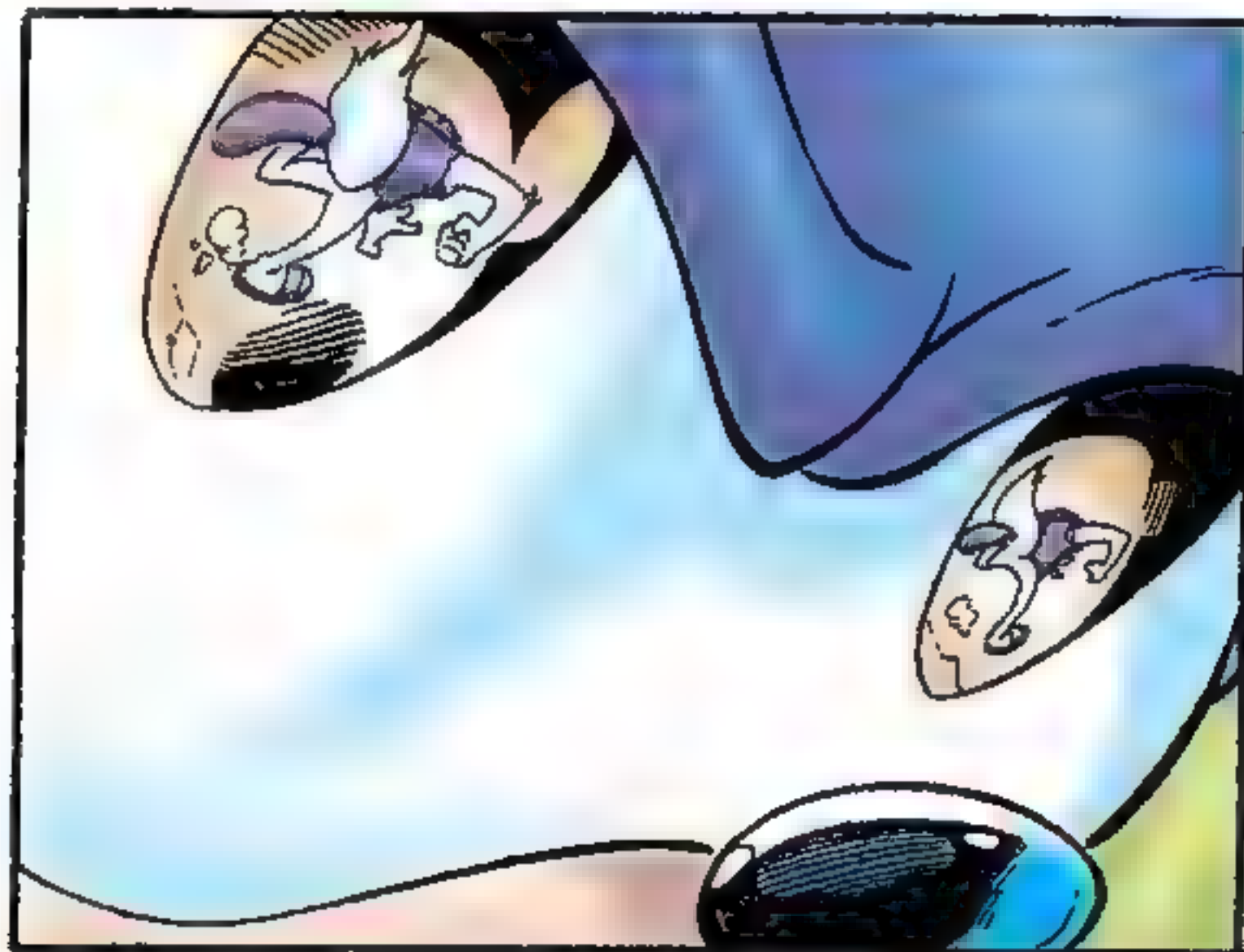
BY THE
SCEPTER OF
KING ACORN...
CHARGE!

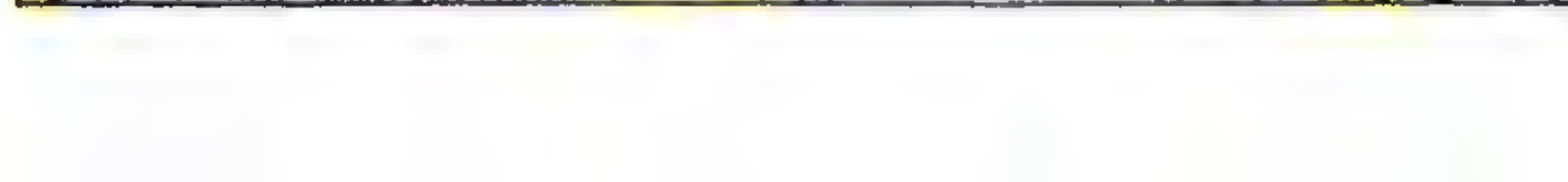
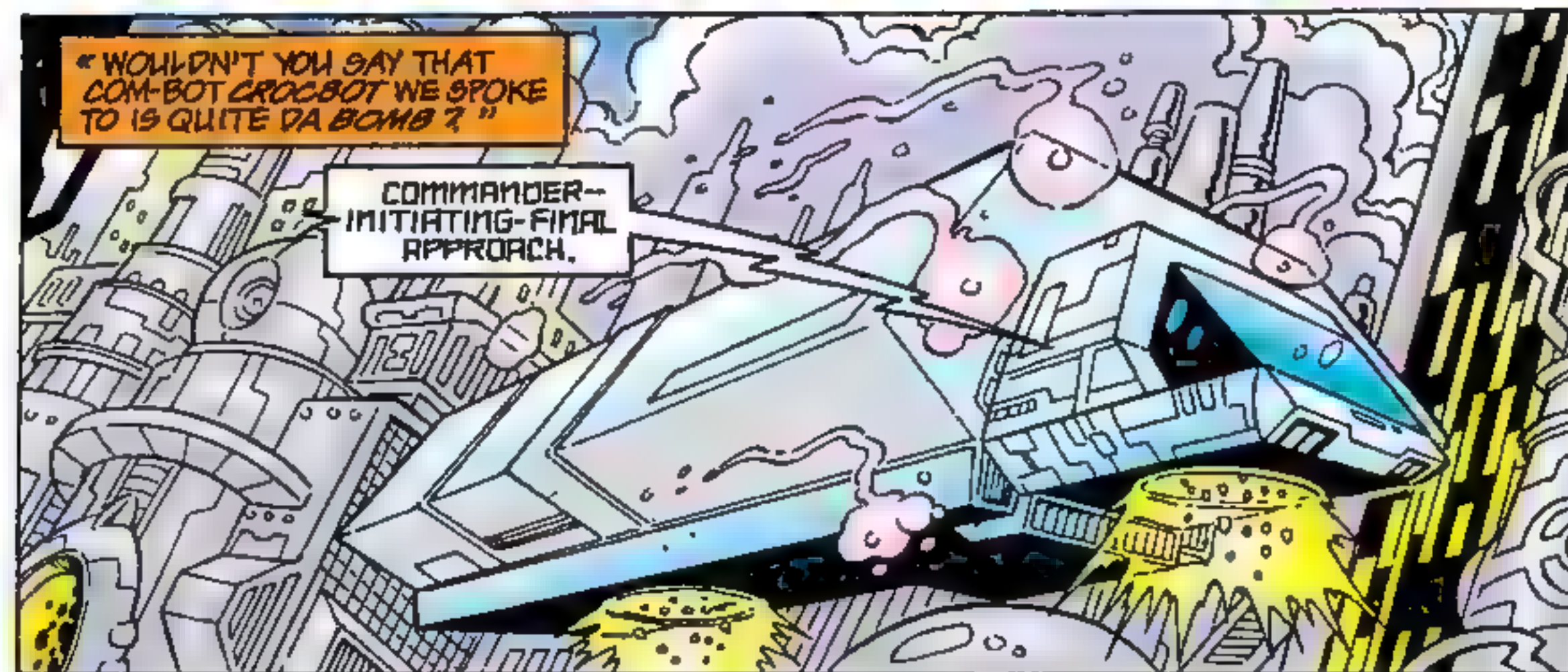
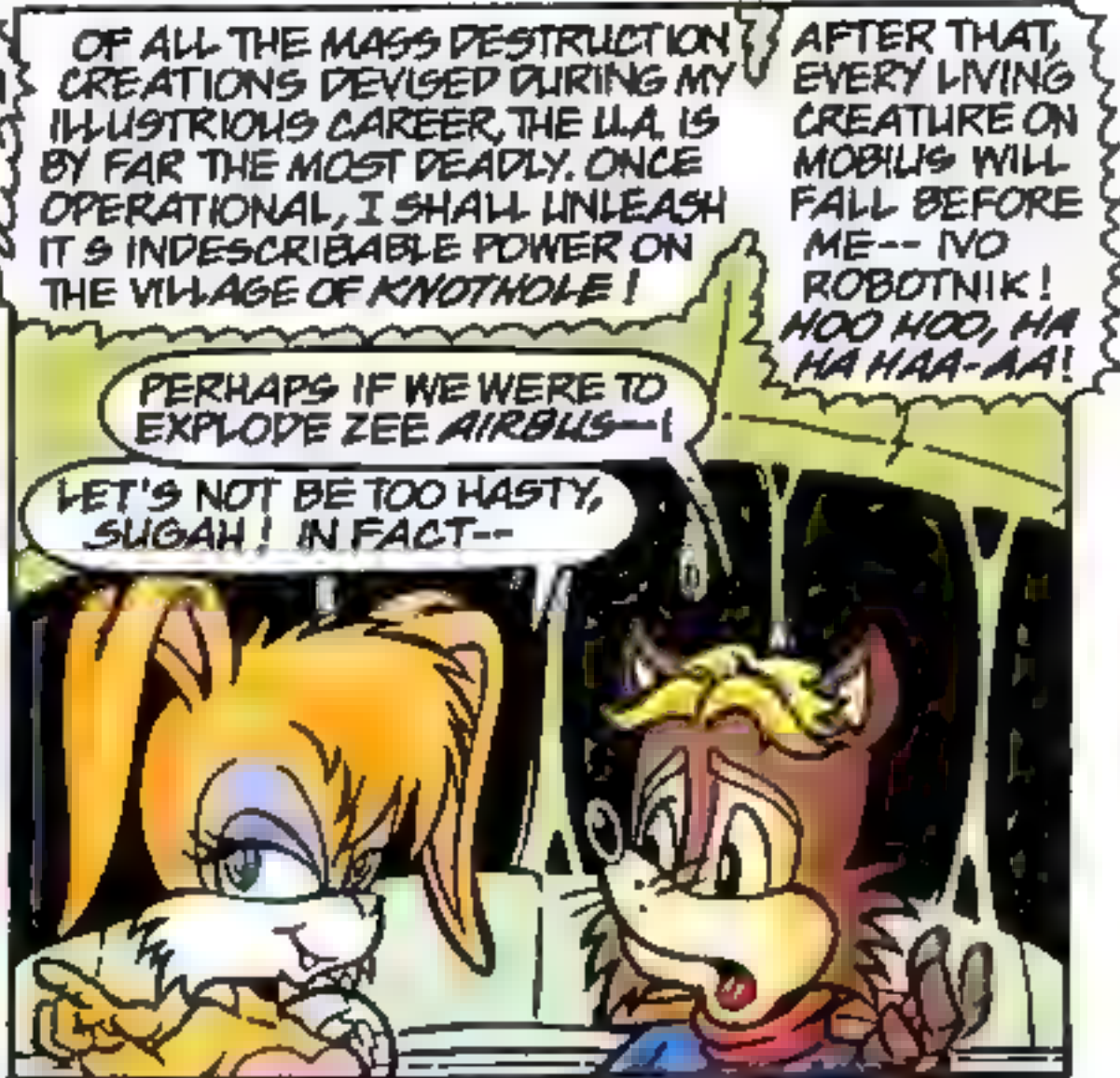
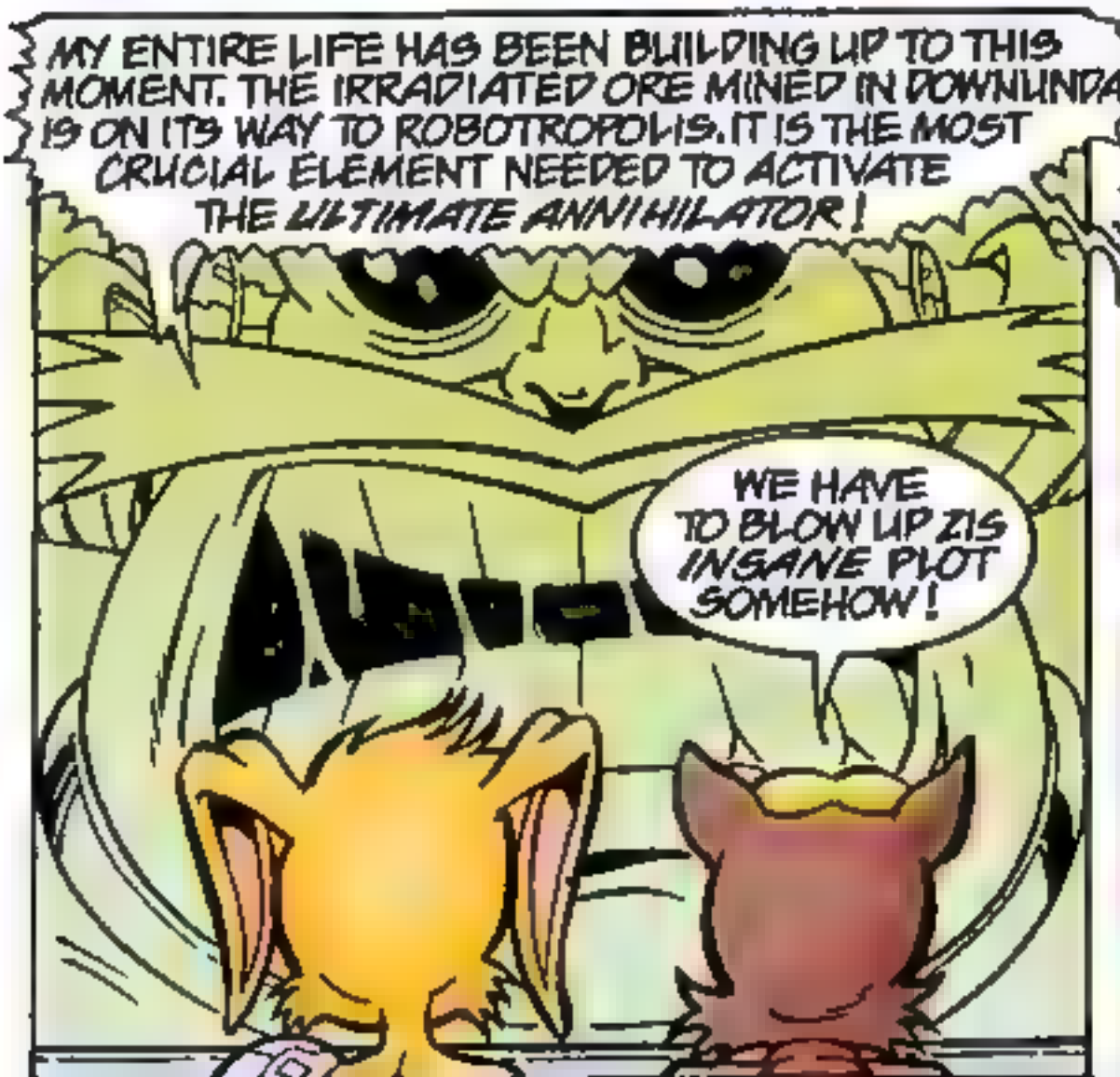
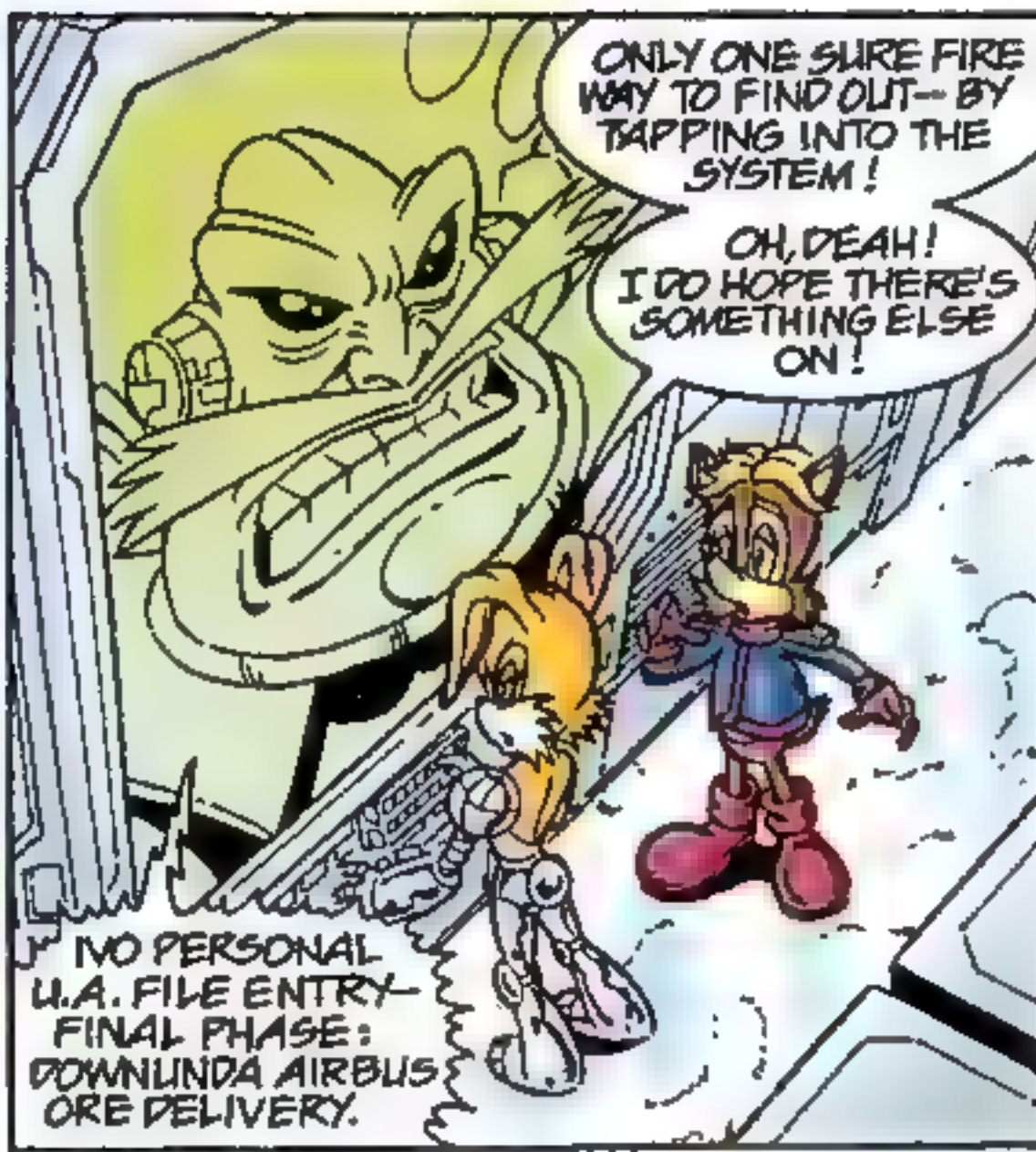
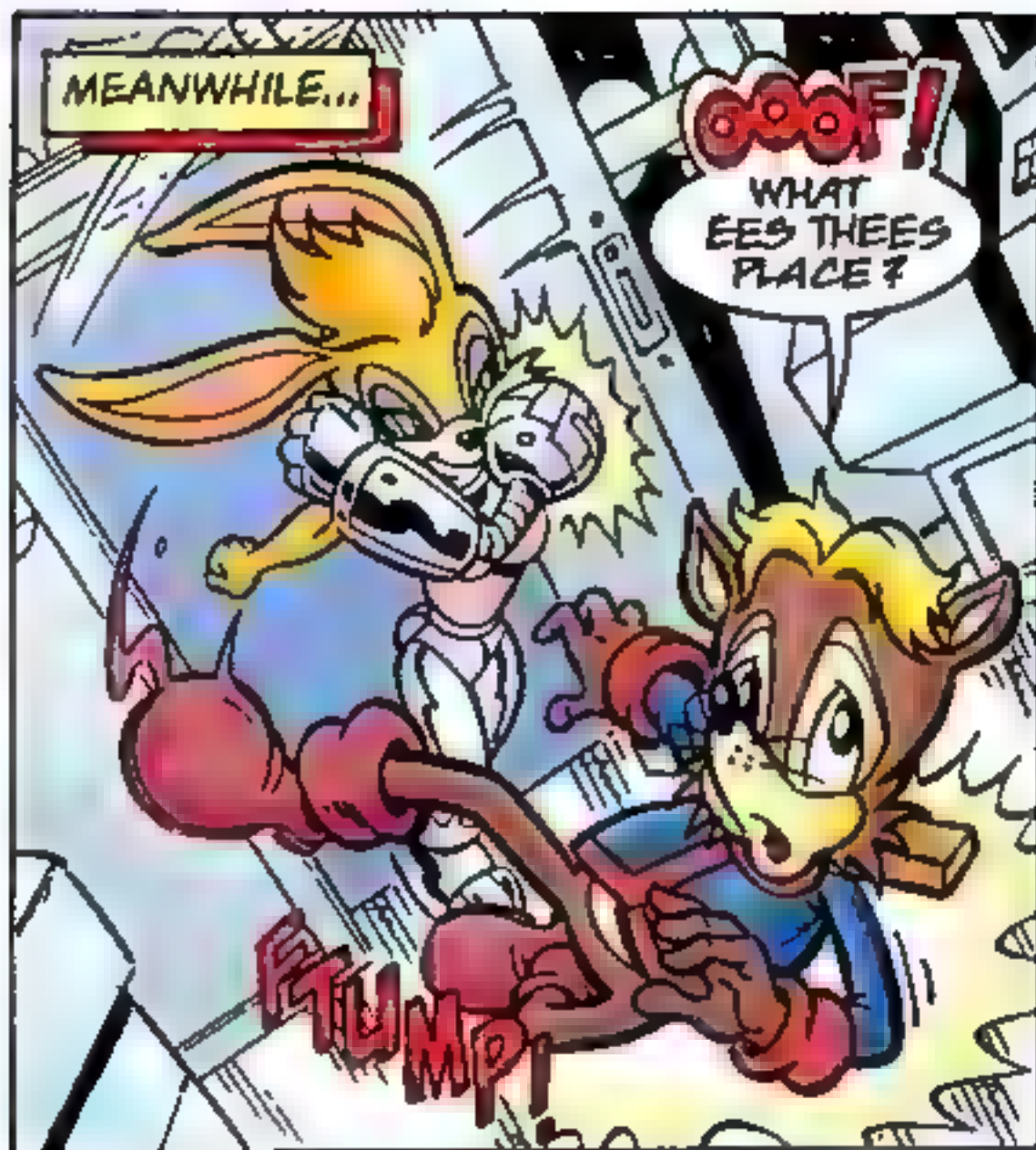
DON'T JUST
STAND THERE, YOU
RUSTBUCKETS!
BLAST THEM OUT
OF THE SKY!

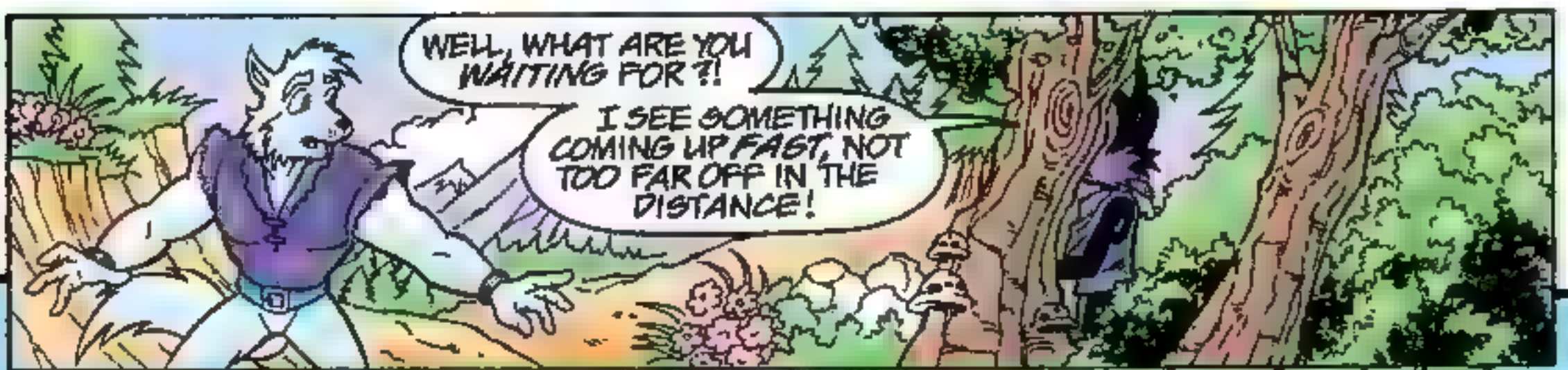
LOOK--IT'S
GEOFFREY--KNUCKLES--
AND...*gasp*... SONIC!
THEY'RE WORKING
TOGETHER!

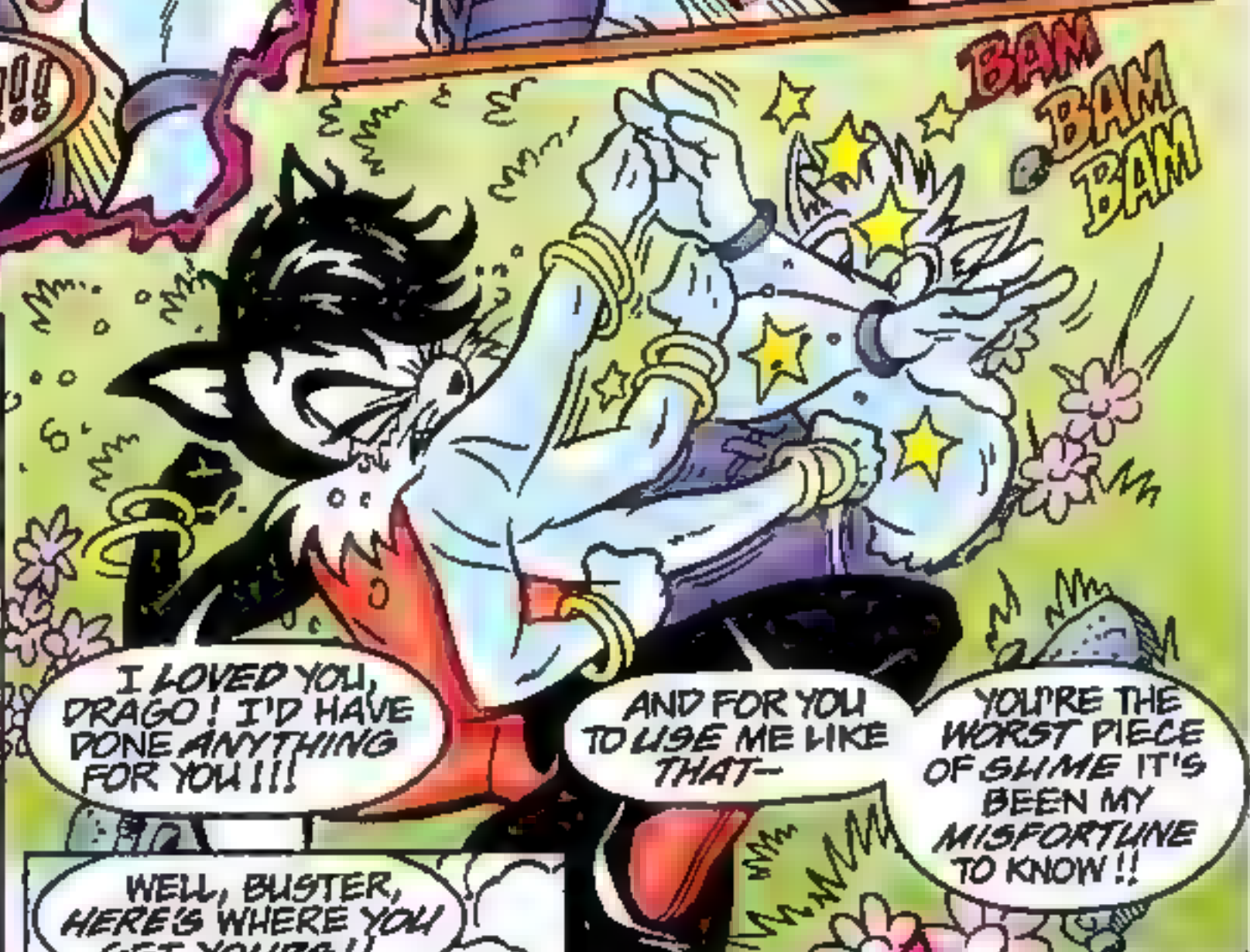
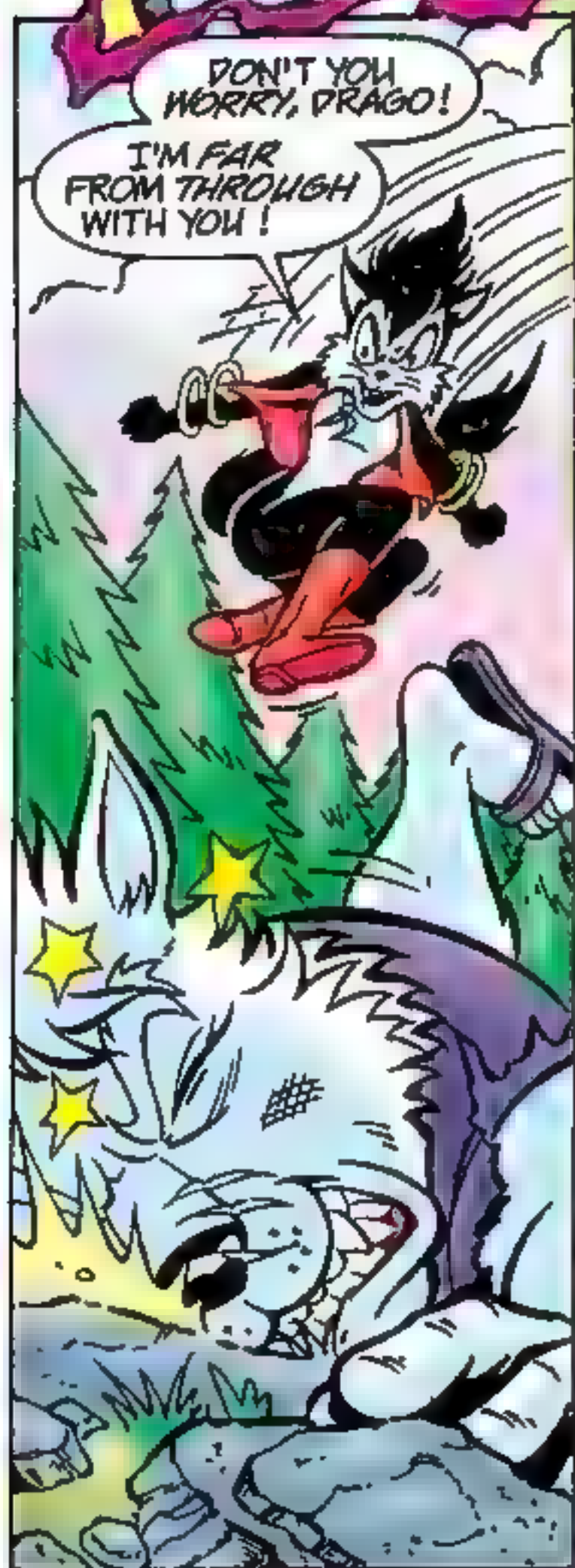
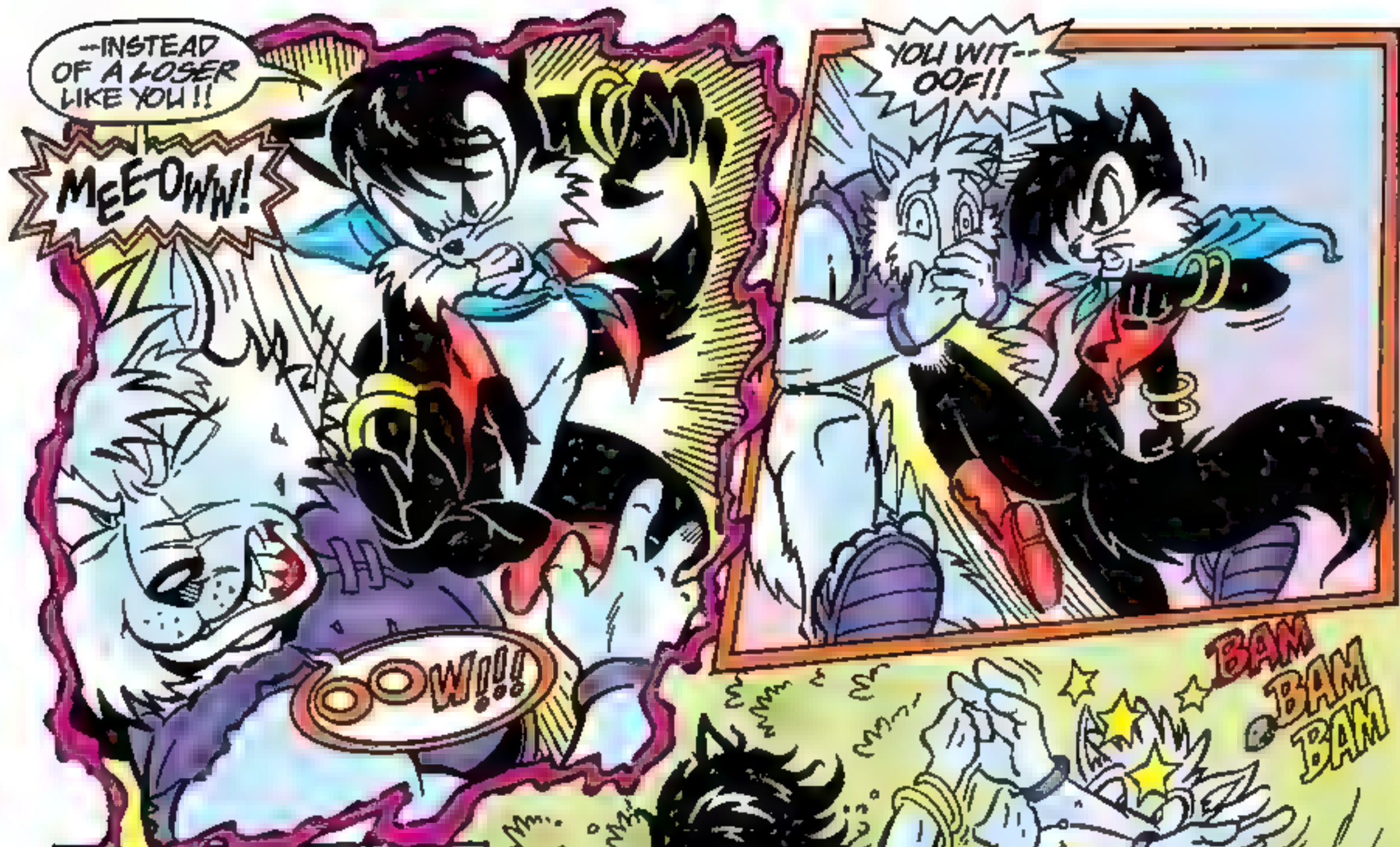
LET'S JOIN THEM!
COME ON, EVERYBODY--
DO IT FOR PRINCESS
SALLY!

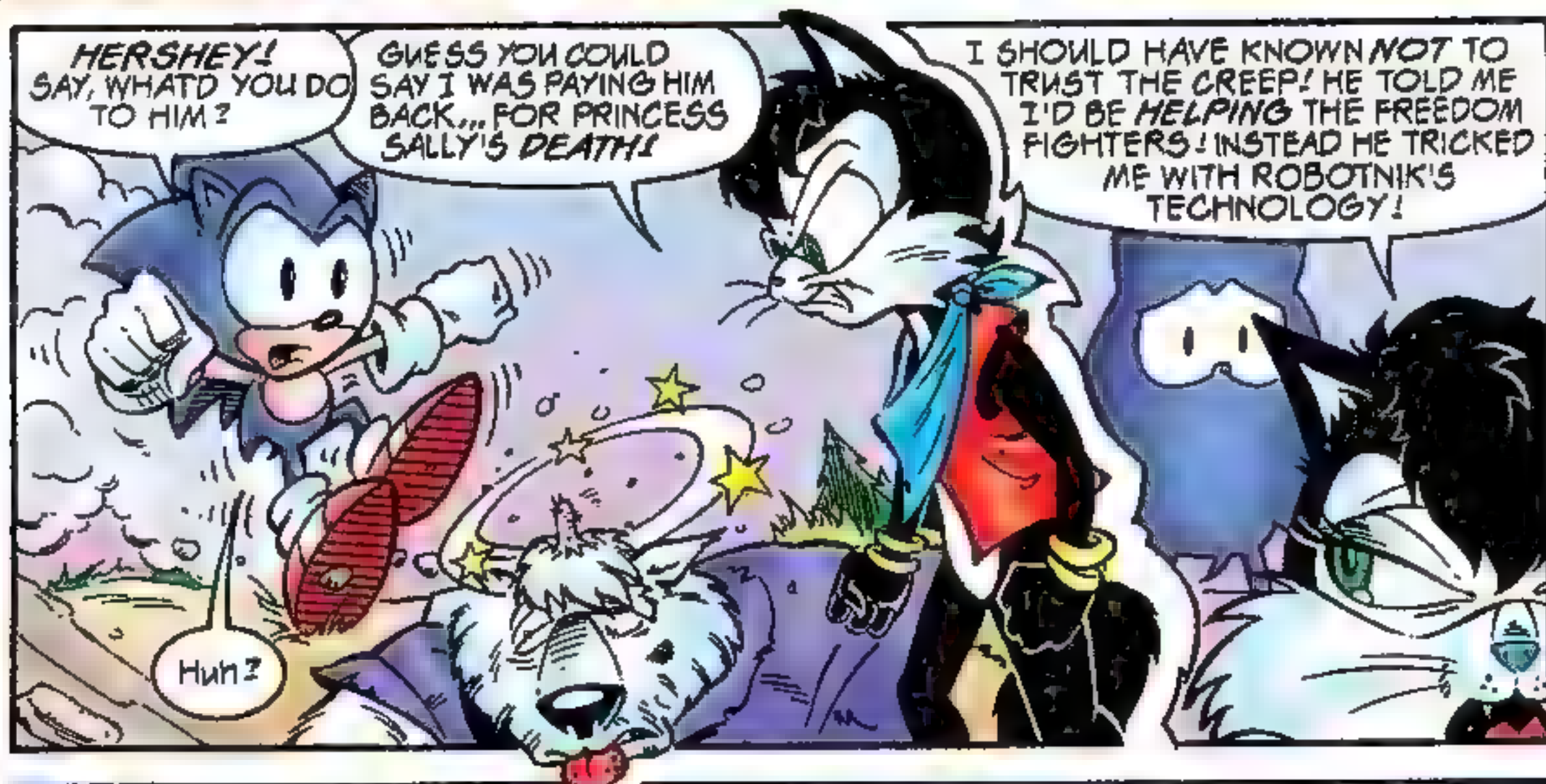


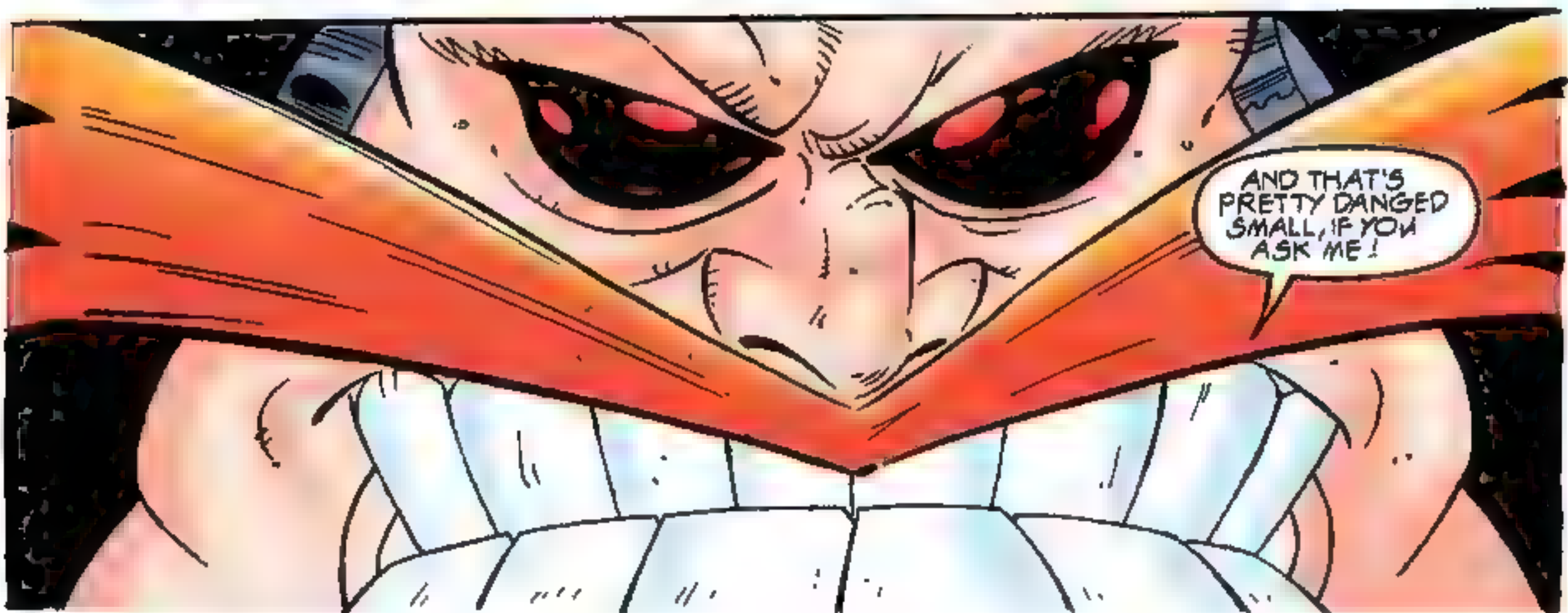
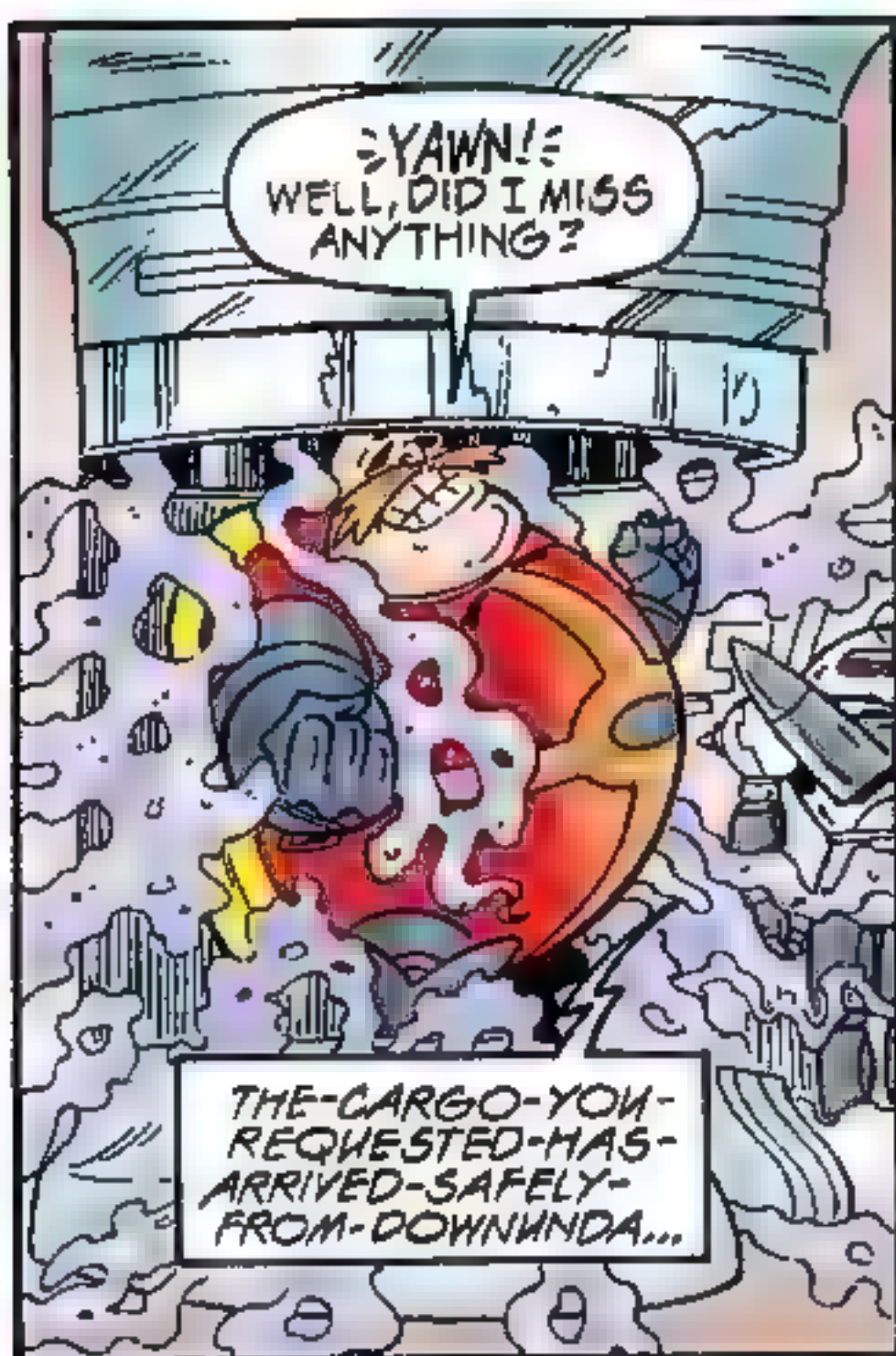
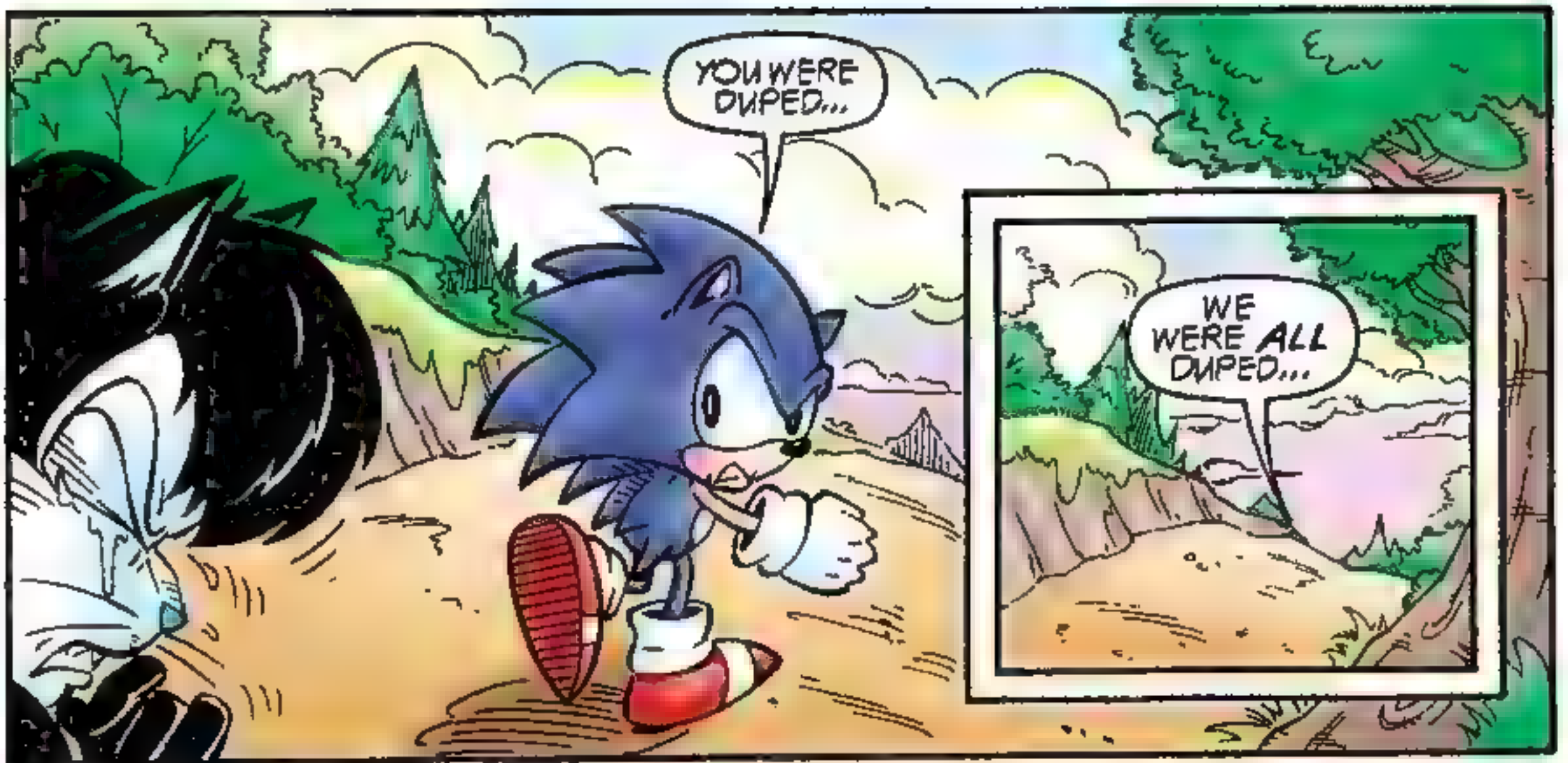


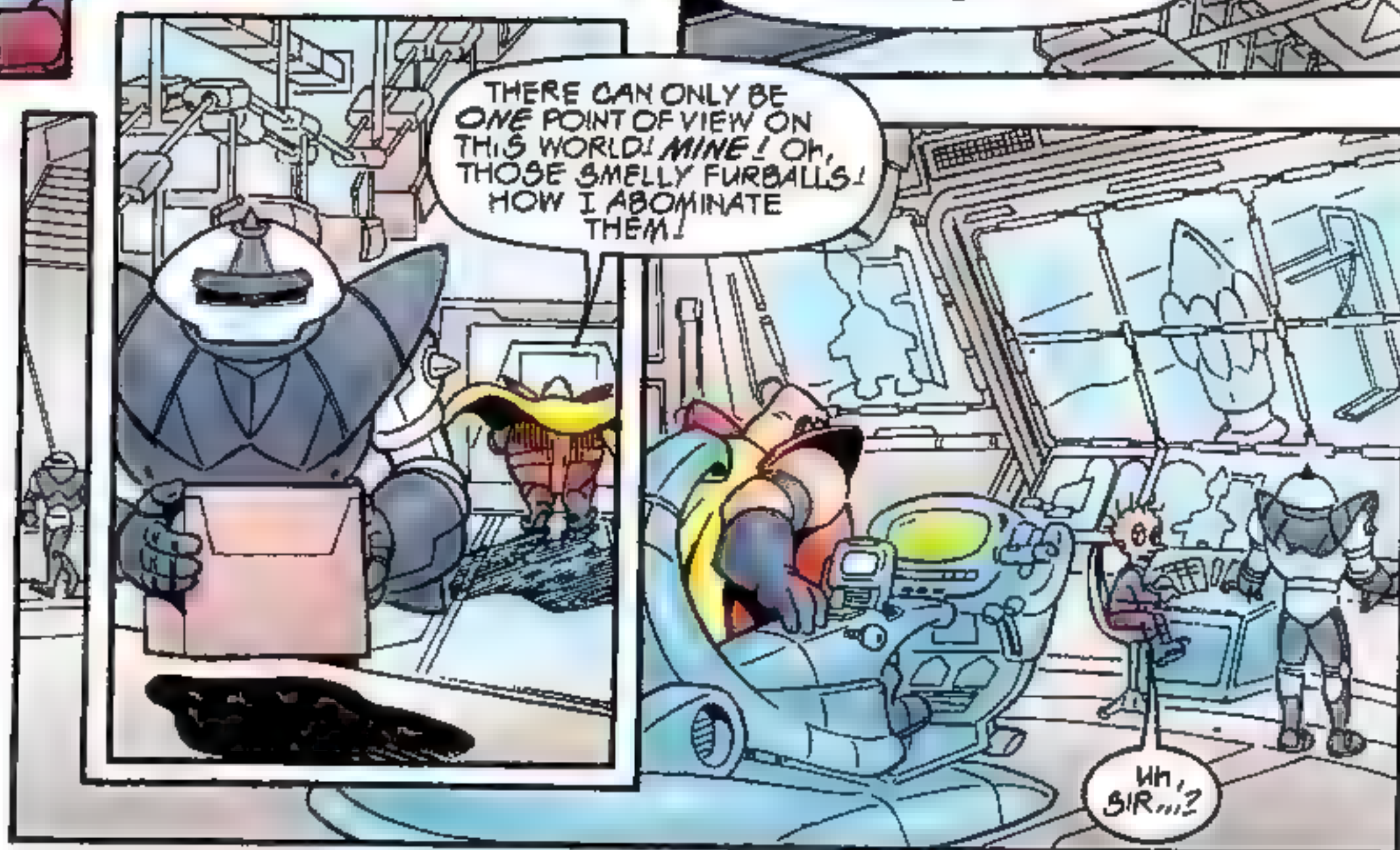
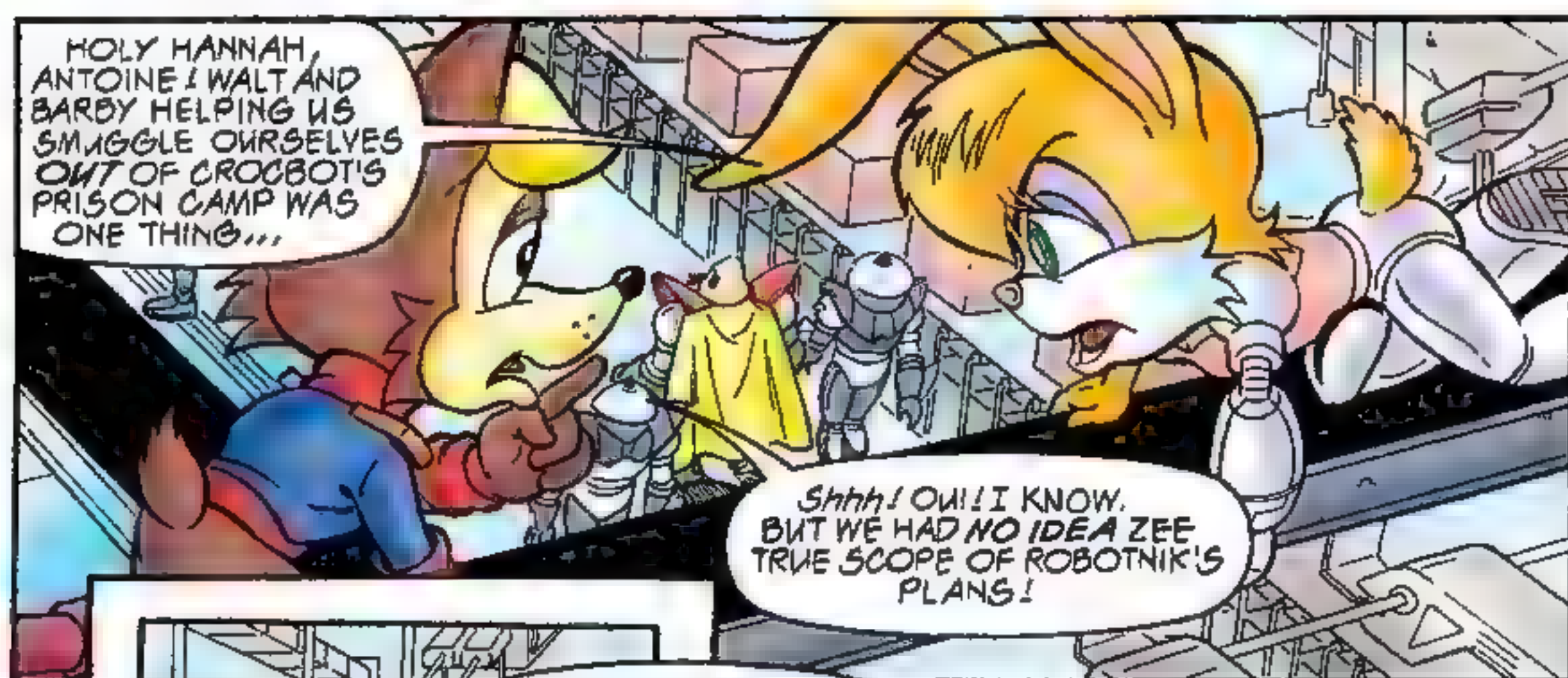


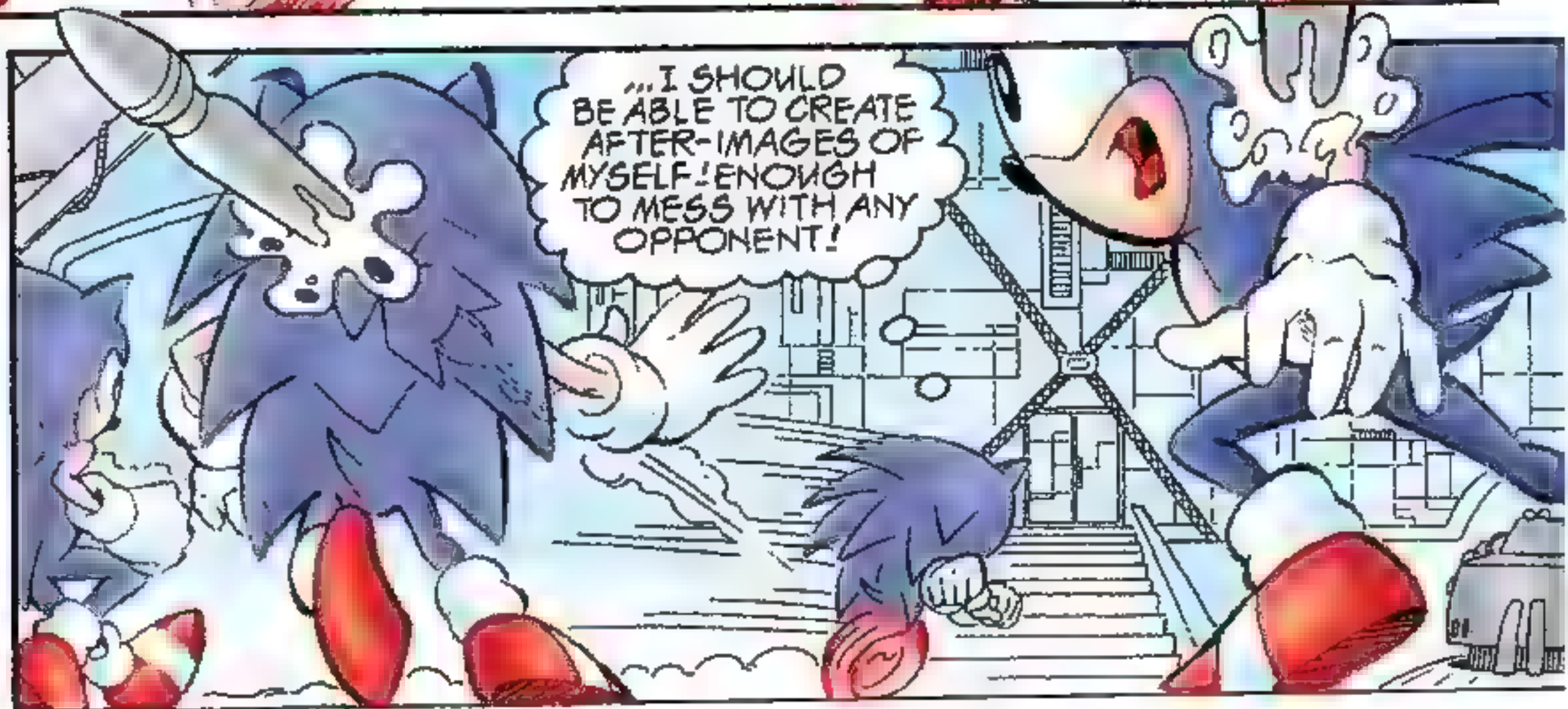
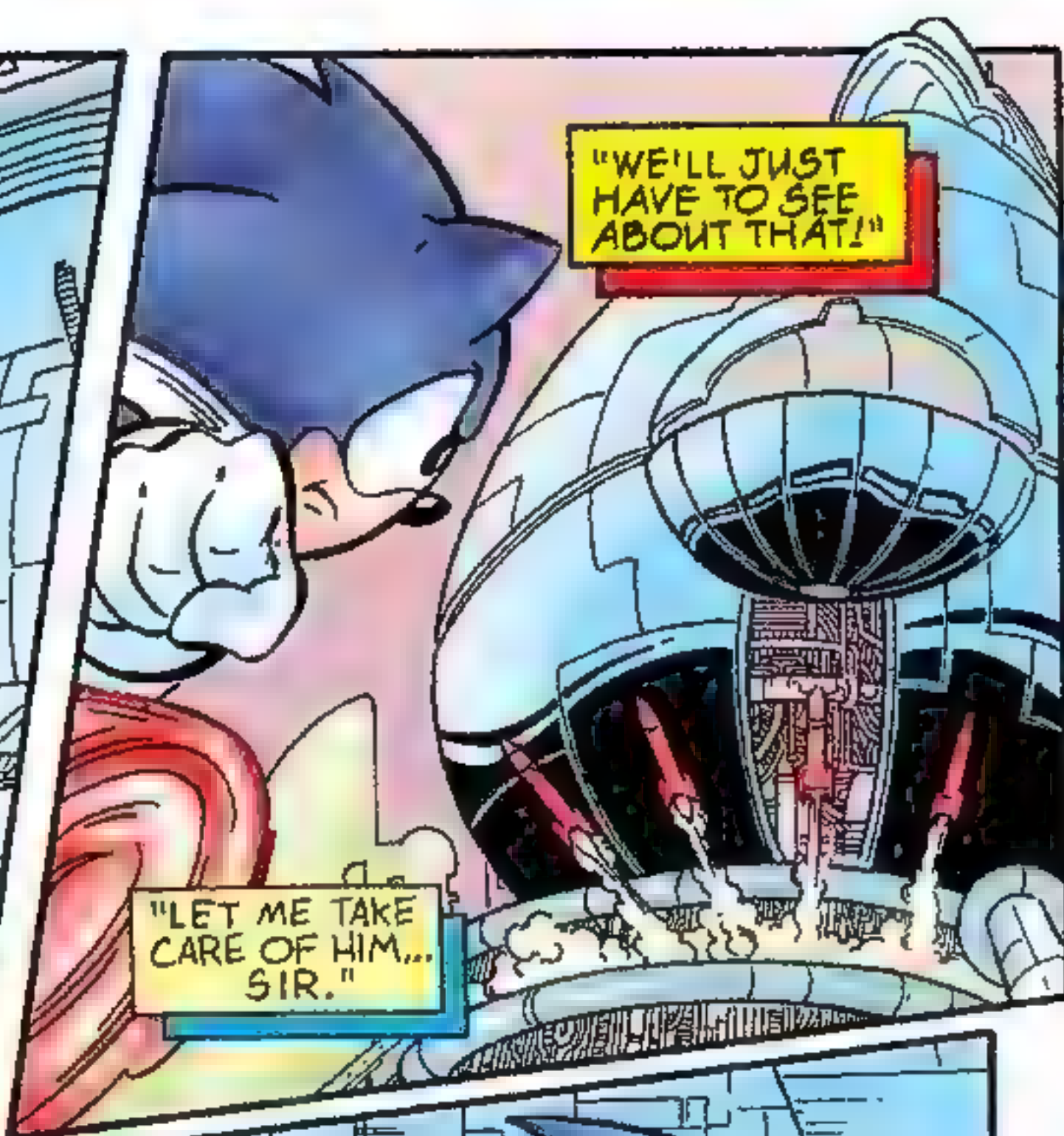
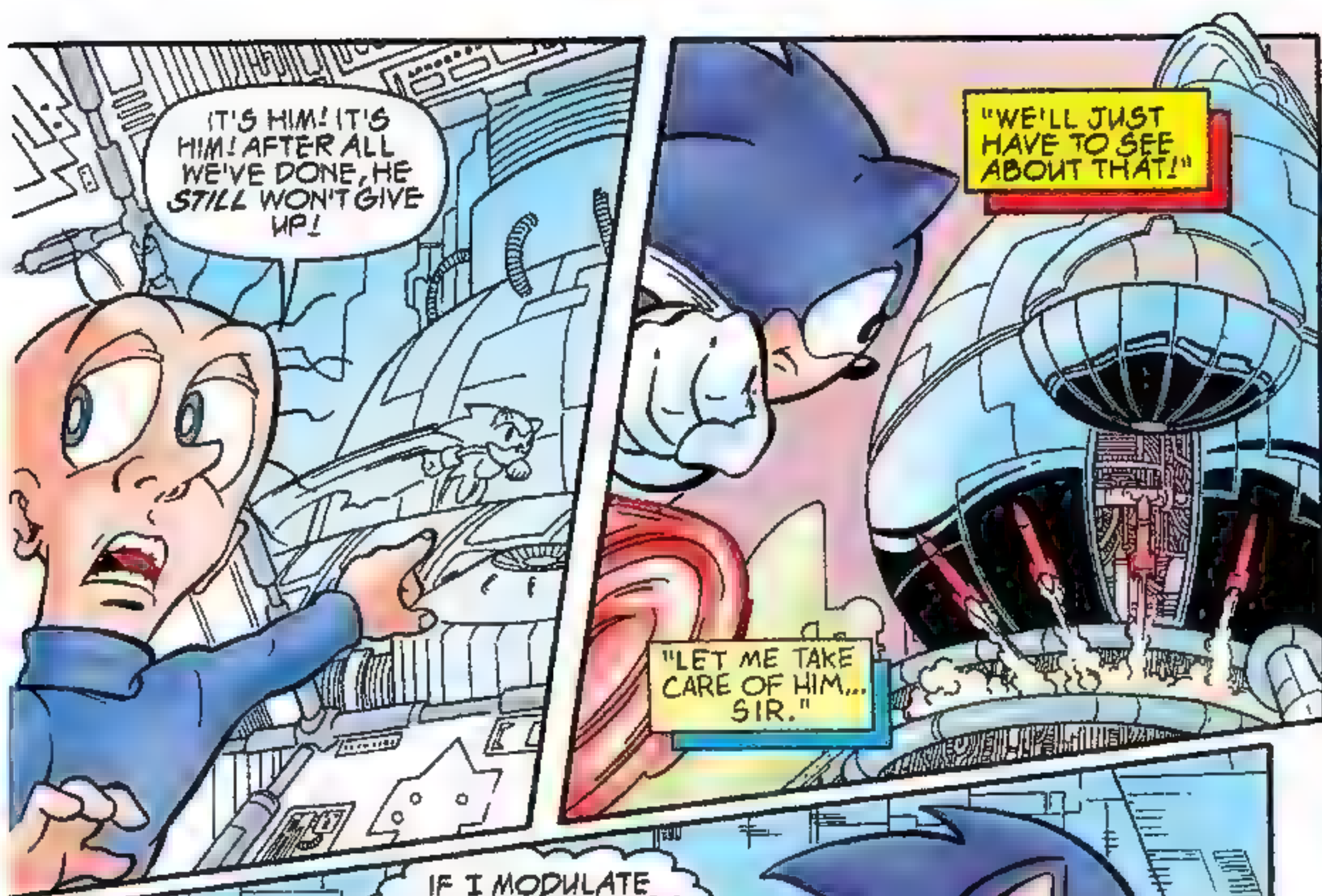














OUTTA MY WAY,
SWATBOTS!



OH GOODY
LOOK WHOS
COME TO
PLAY!

SNIVELY.

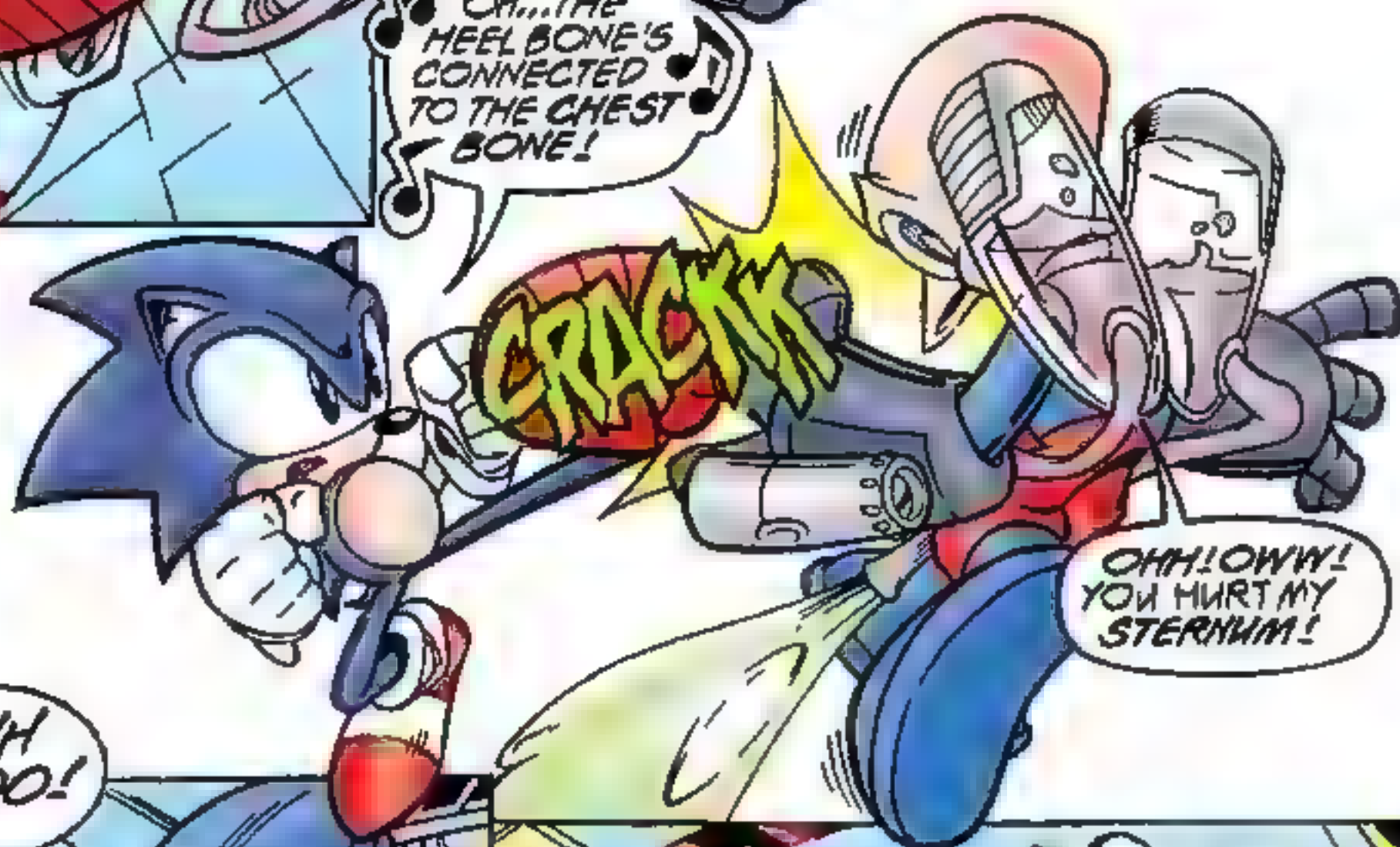
HEDGEHOG... IF
THIS IS THE LAST
THING I EVER DO, I'LL
SEE YOU *NEVER*
MAKE IT INSIDE!

YOU'RE RIGHT
ABOUT ONE THING,
NEEDLE-NOSE...

...THIS IS THE
LAST THING YOU'LL
EVER DO!



OH...THE
HEEL BONE'S
CONNECTED
TO THE CHEST
BONE!



AHH
HOOO!



LOOKS LIKE
MY SIDE KICK SENT
ROBOTNIK'S SIDE-
KICK RIGHT DOWN
THE DRAIN!

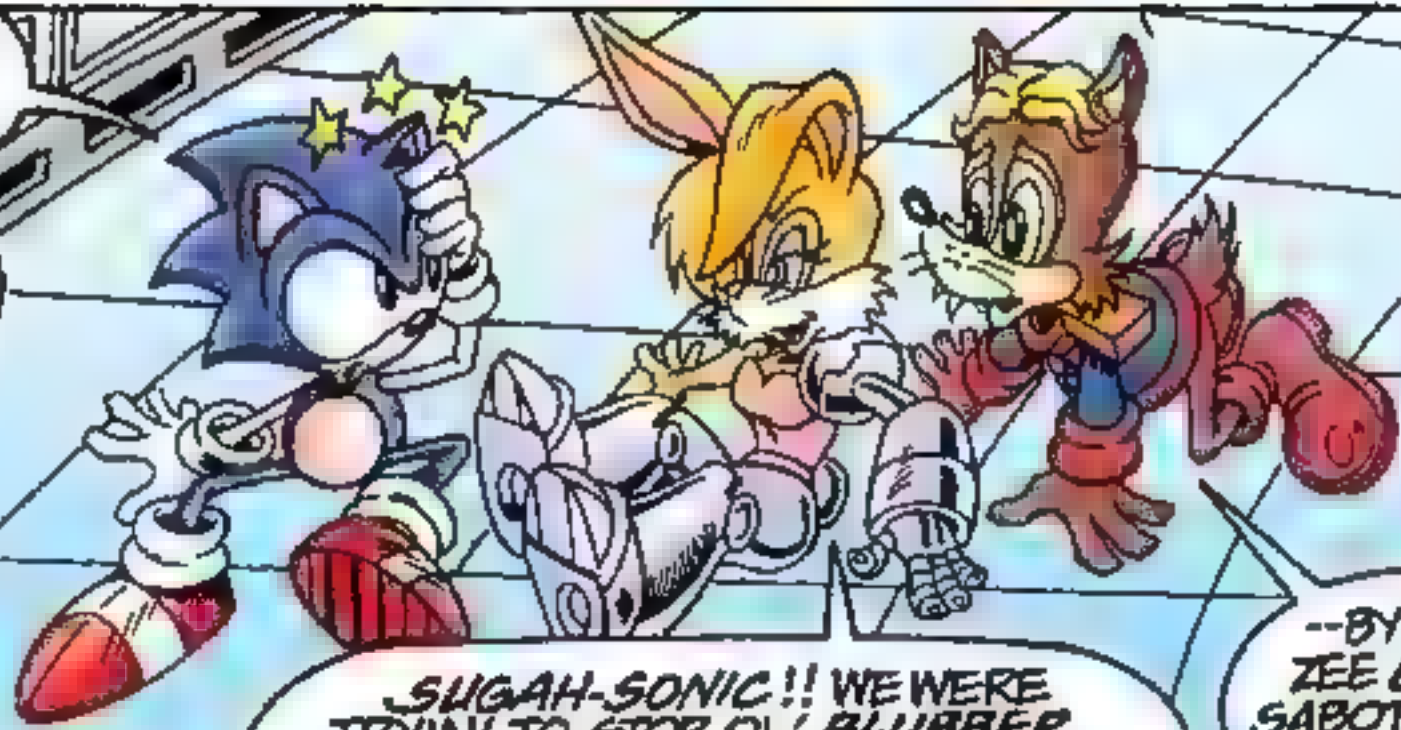
GOOD! NOW
I CAN FOCUS MY
ATTENTION ON...
OOFF!



WHERE DID THAT BRICK
WALL COME FROM ALL
OF A SUDDEN?

FOR
THE LUVVA--
ANTOINE!!!
BUNNIE!!

HOW
DID YOU
GUYS GET
HERE?!

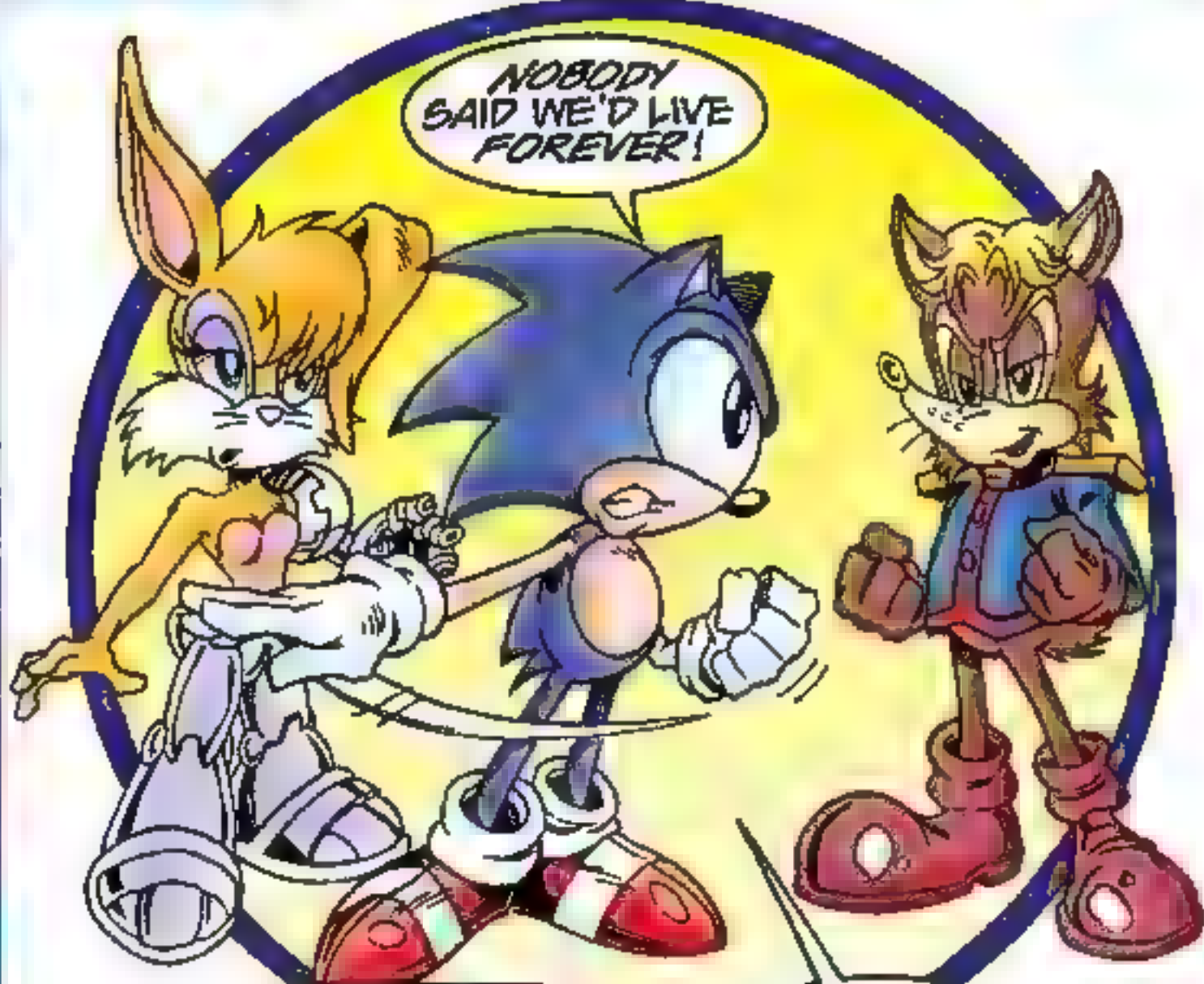


SUGAH-SONIC!! WE WERE
TRYIN' TO STOP OL' BLUBBER
BOTTOM FROM WIPIN' OUT KNOTHOLE--

--BY PLACING
ZEE BOMB TO
SABOTAGE EES
WEAPON!

ONCE WE PLANT ZIS
WHERE EET WILL DO ZEE
MOST DAMAGE, EET'LL
BE SET TO DETONATE
WITHIN 10 MINUTES
TIME!

EET WE
DON'T MAKE IT
OUT BEFORE
ZEN, WELL...



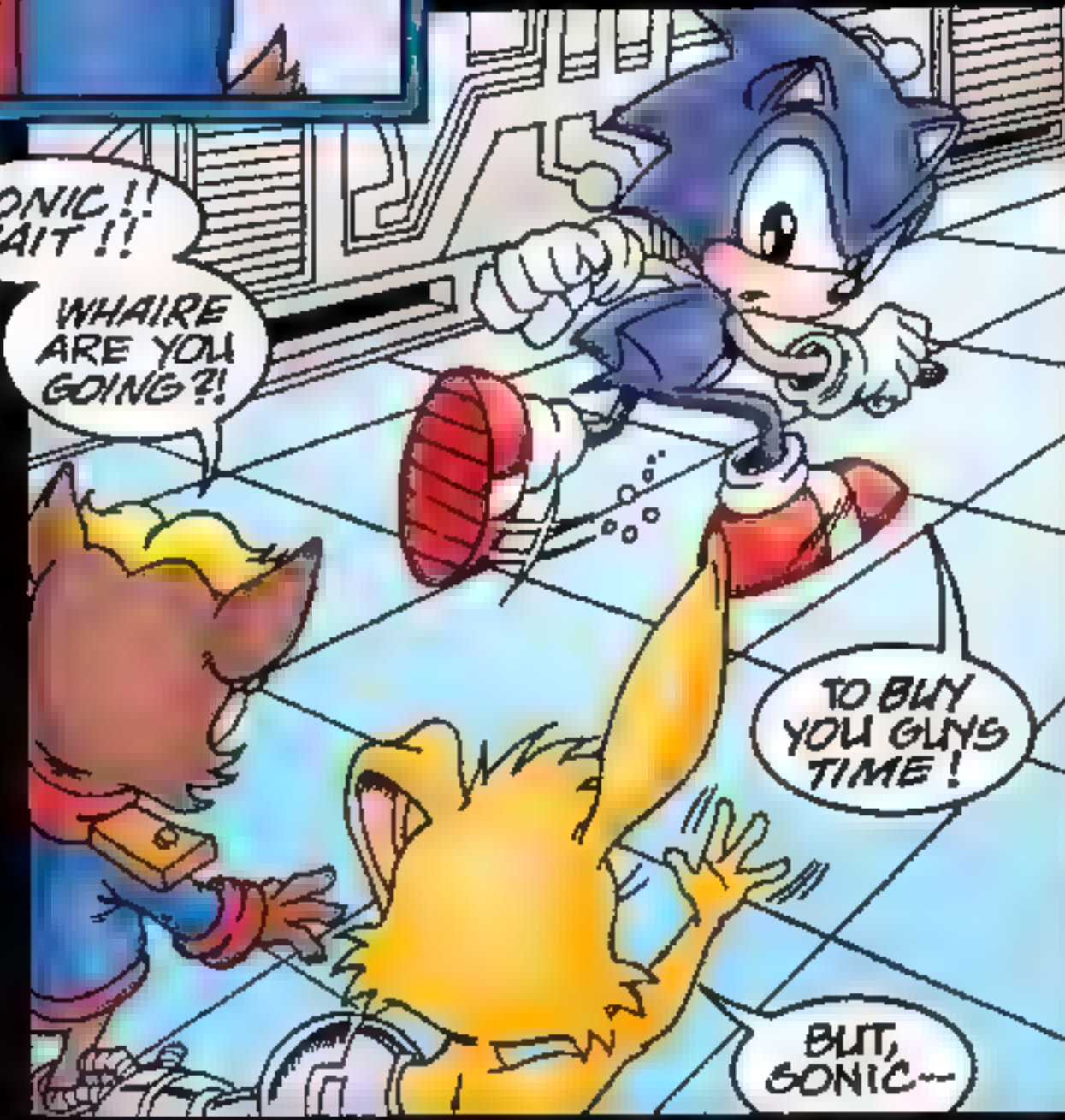
NOBODY
SAID WE'D LIVE
FOREVER!

BESIDES, IF THAT'S
THE PRICE FOR TAKING
DOWN 'BUTT-NICK--

--LET'S DO
IT TO IT!

SONIC!!
WAIT!!

WHAIRE
ARE YOU
GOING?!



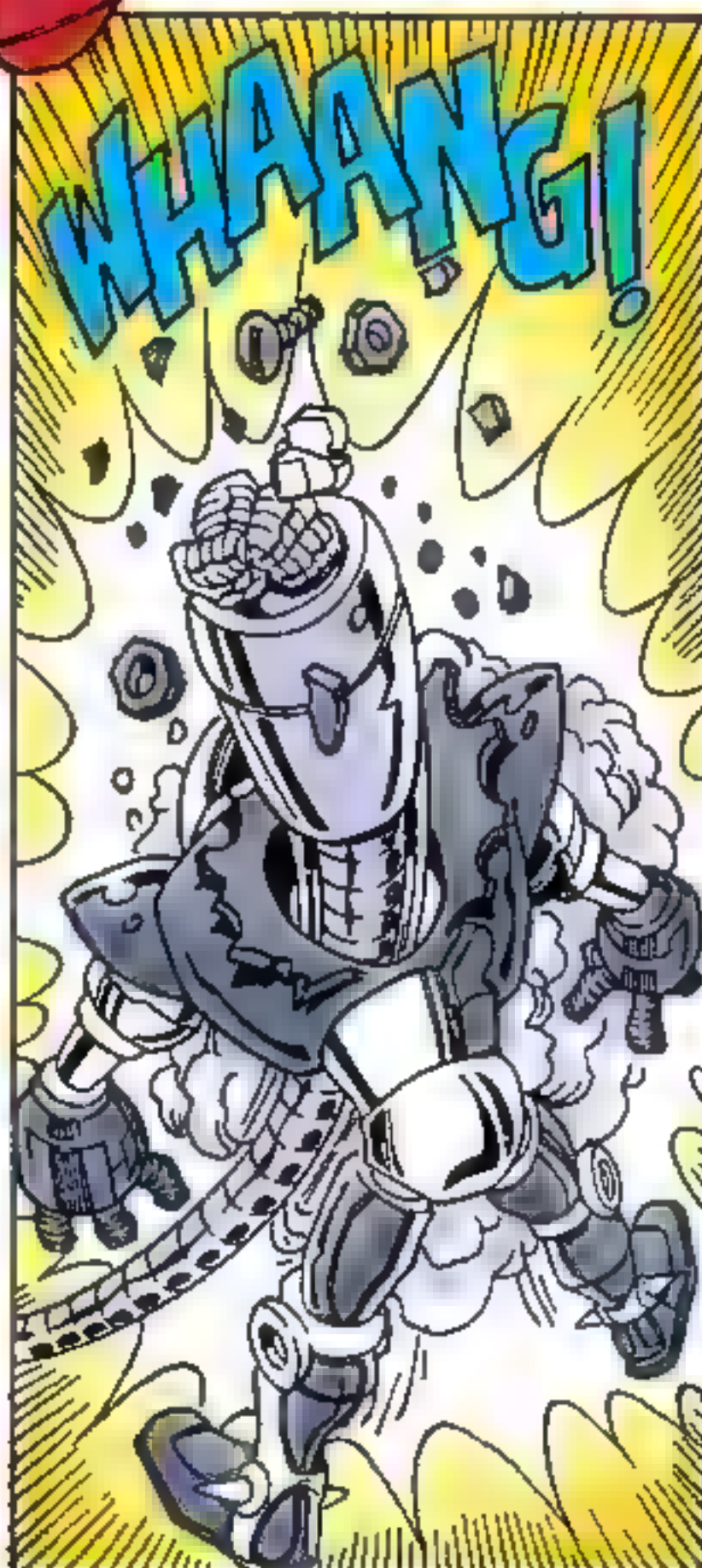
TO BUY
YOU GUYS
TIME!

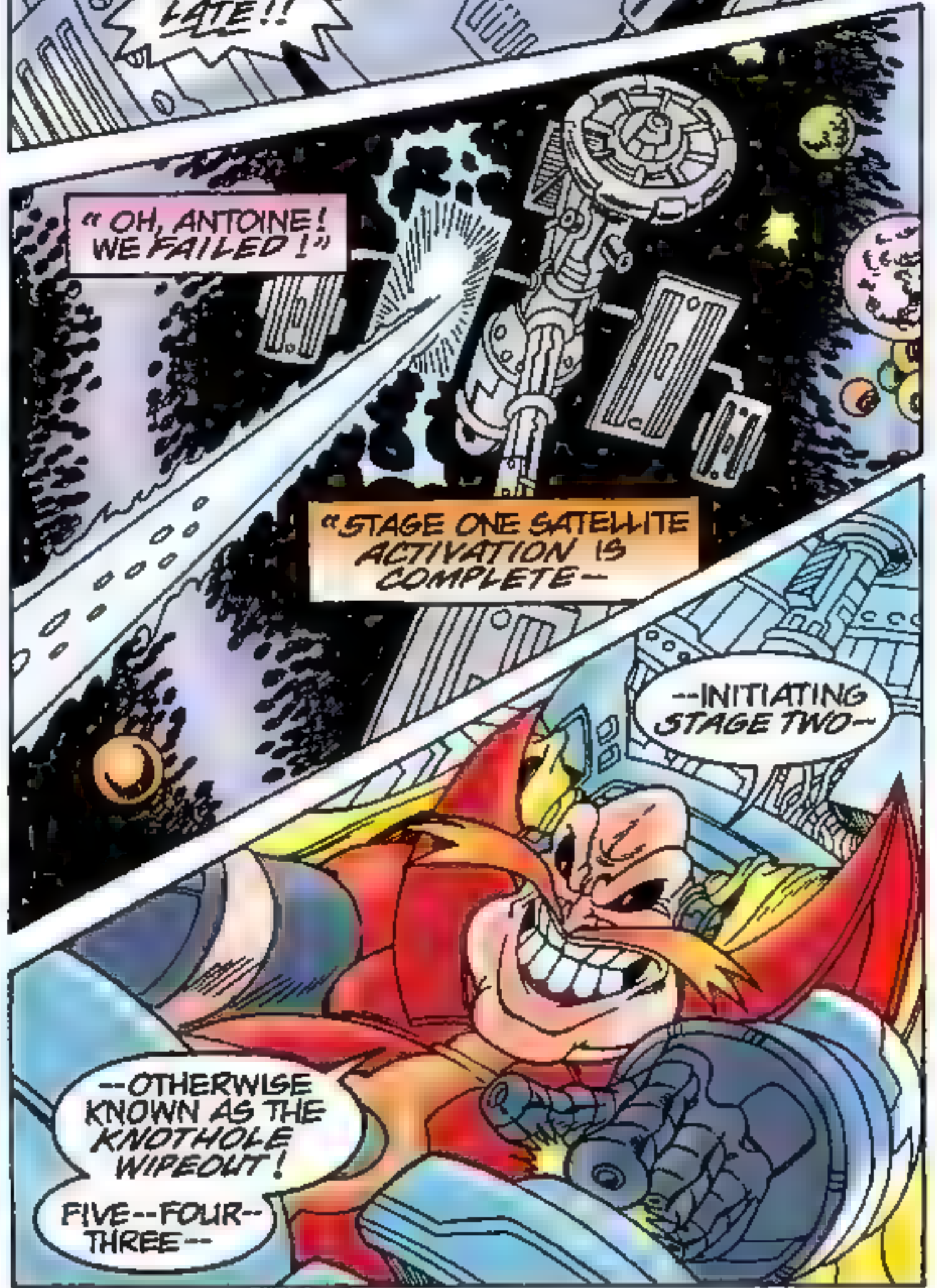
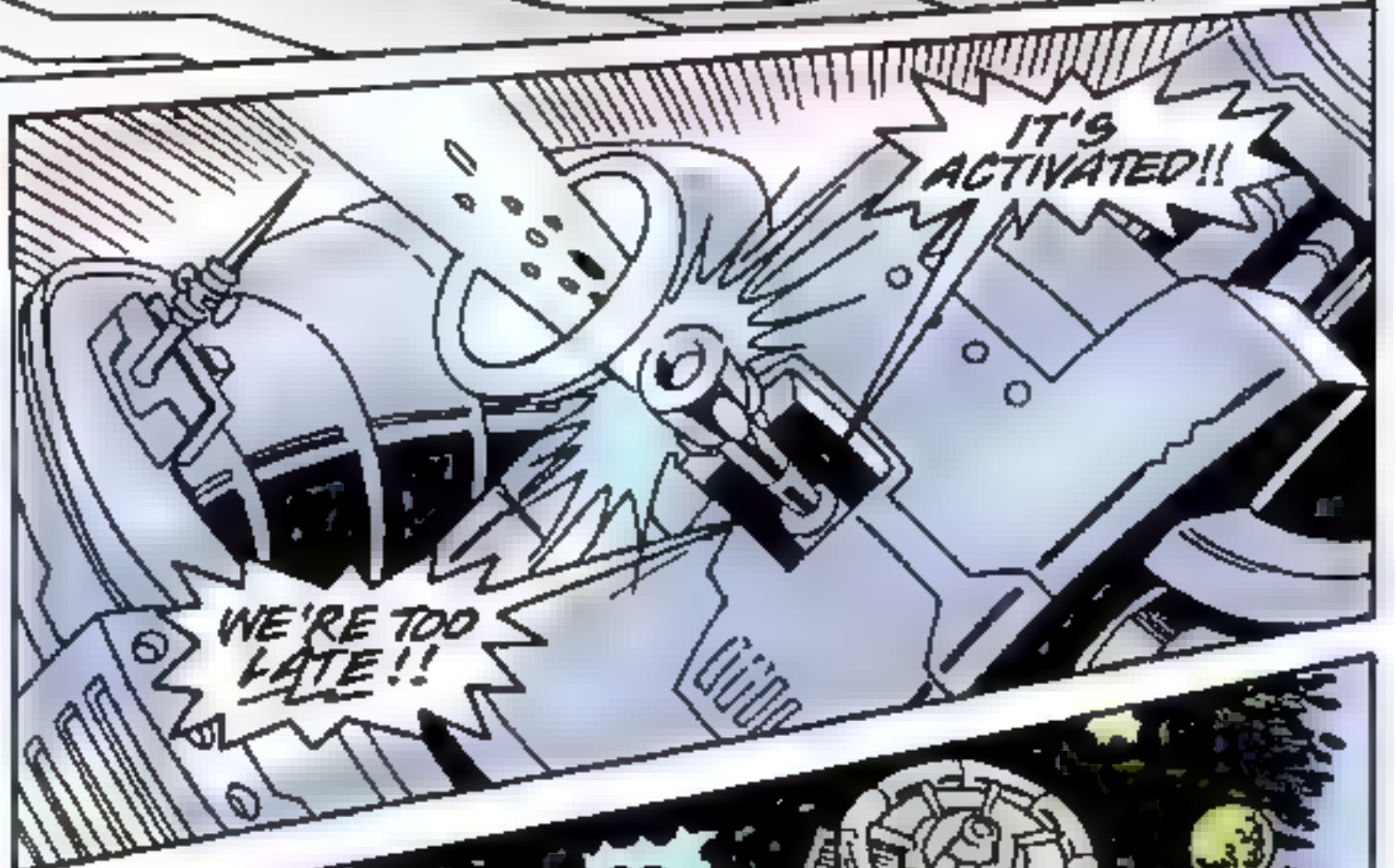
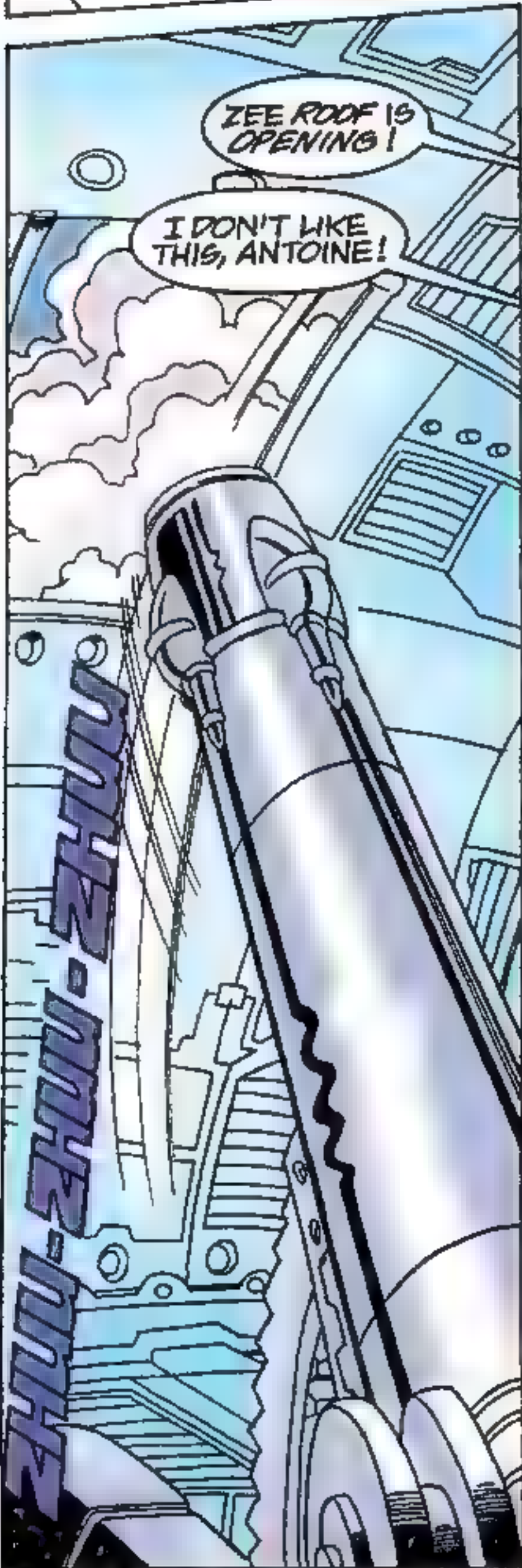
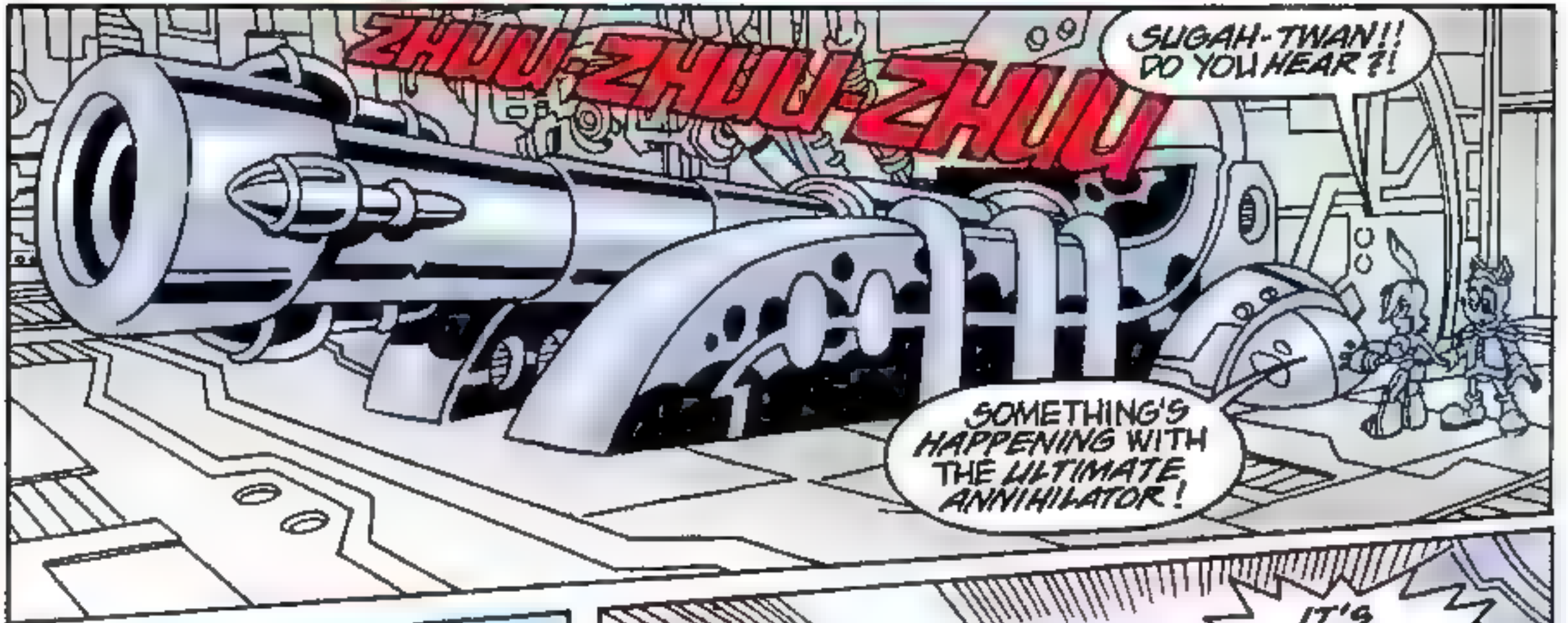
BUT,
SONIC--

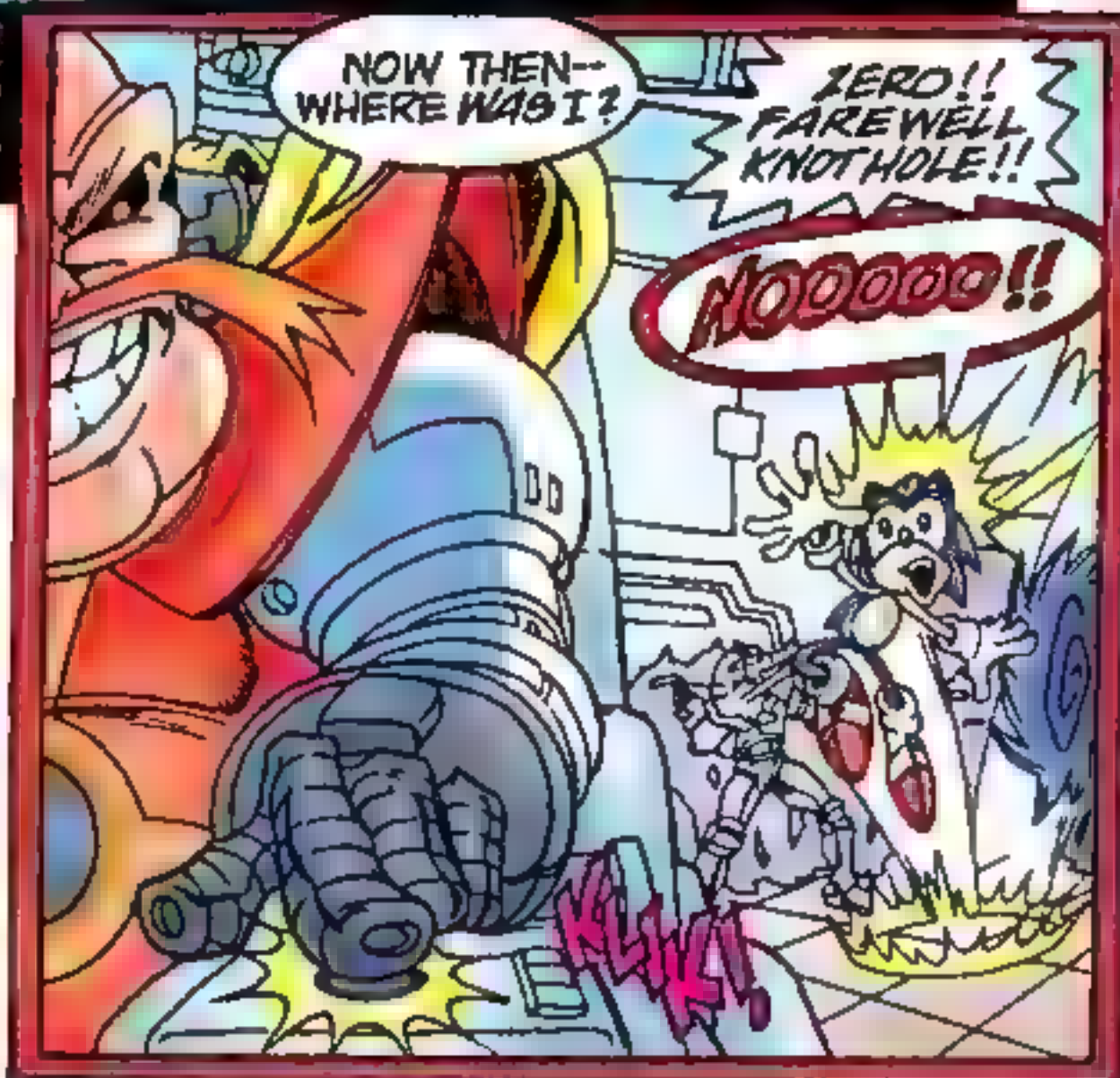
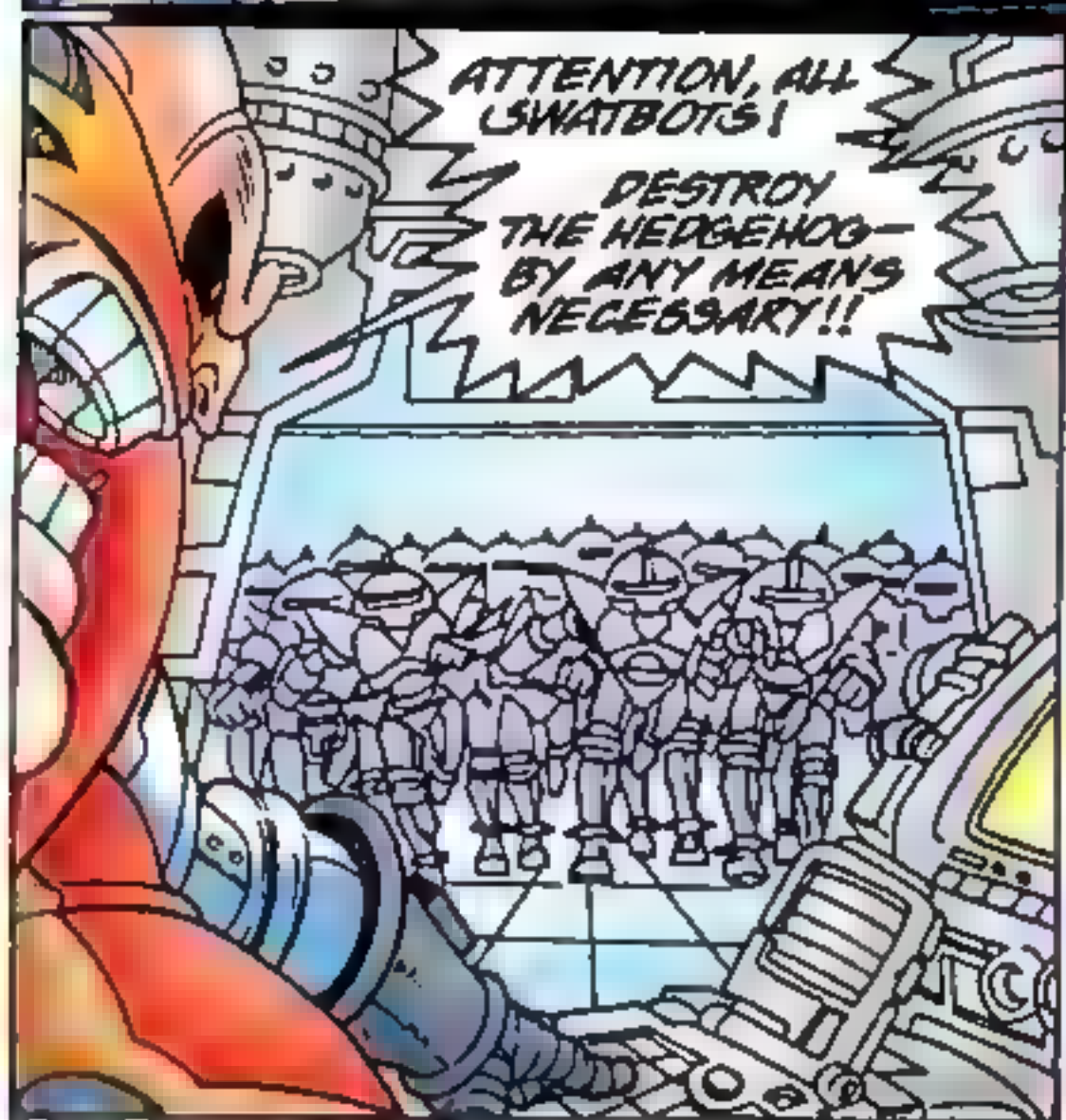
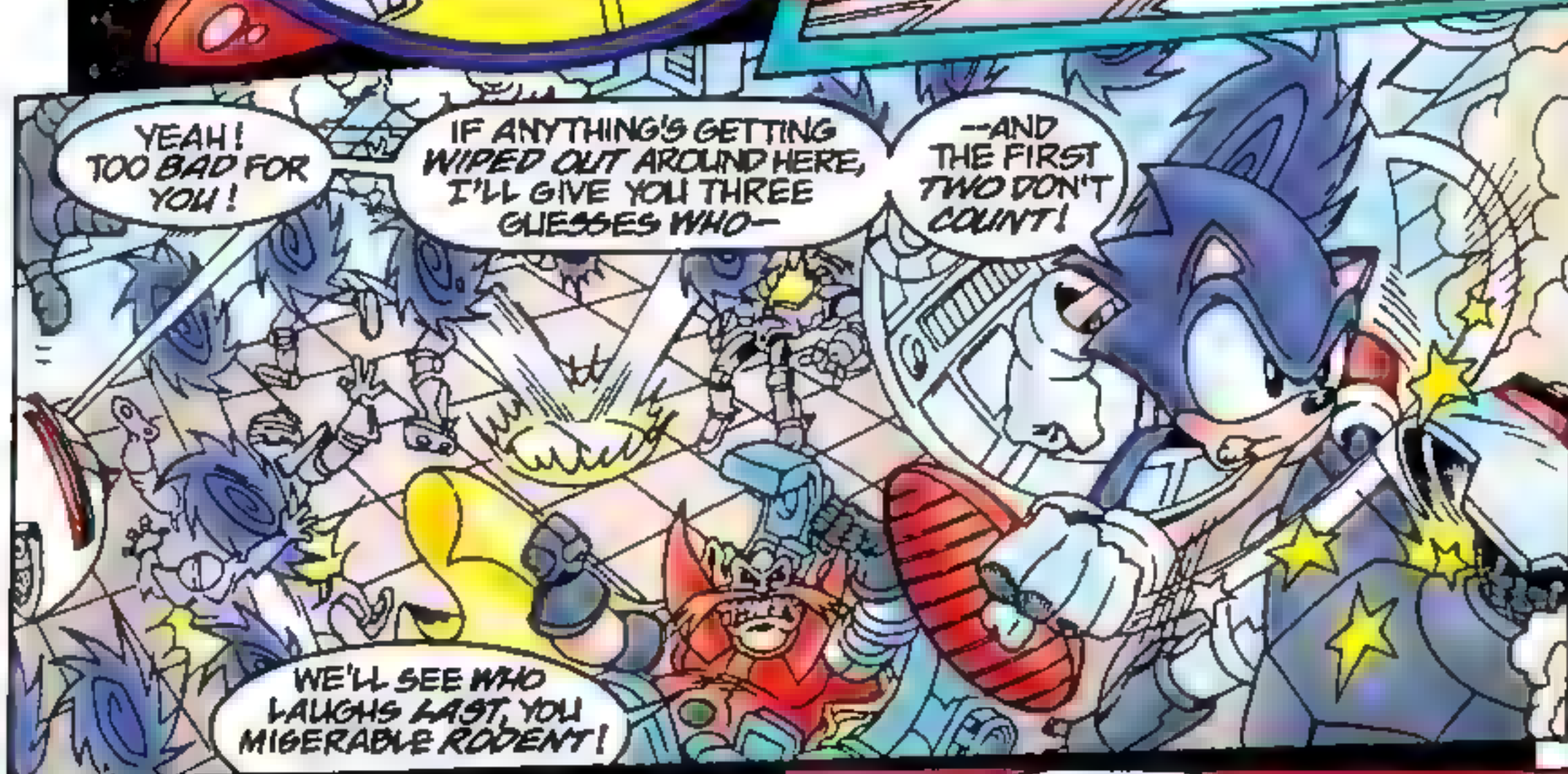
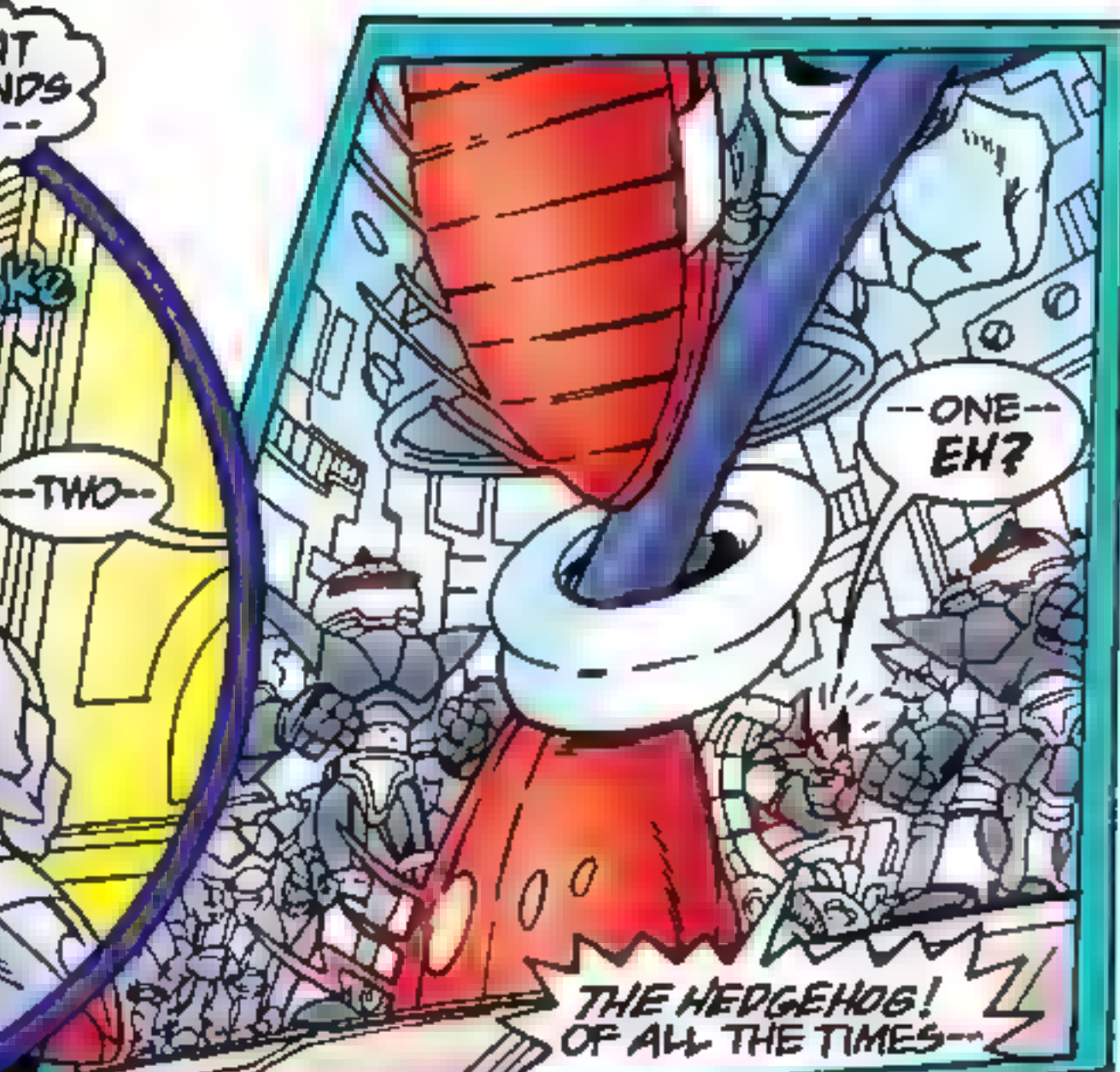
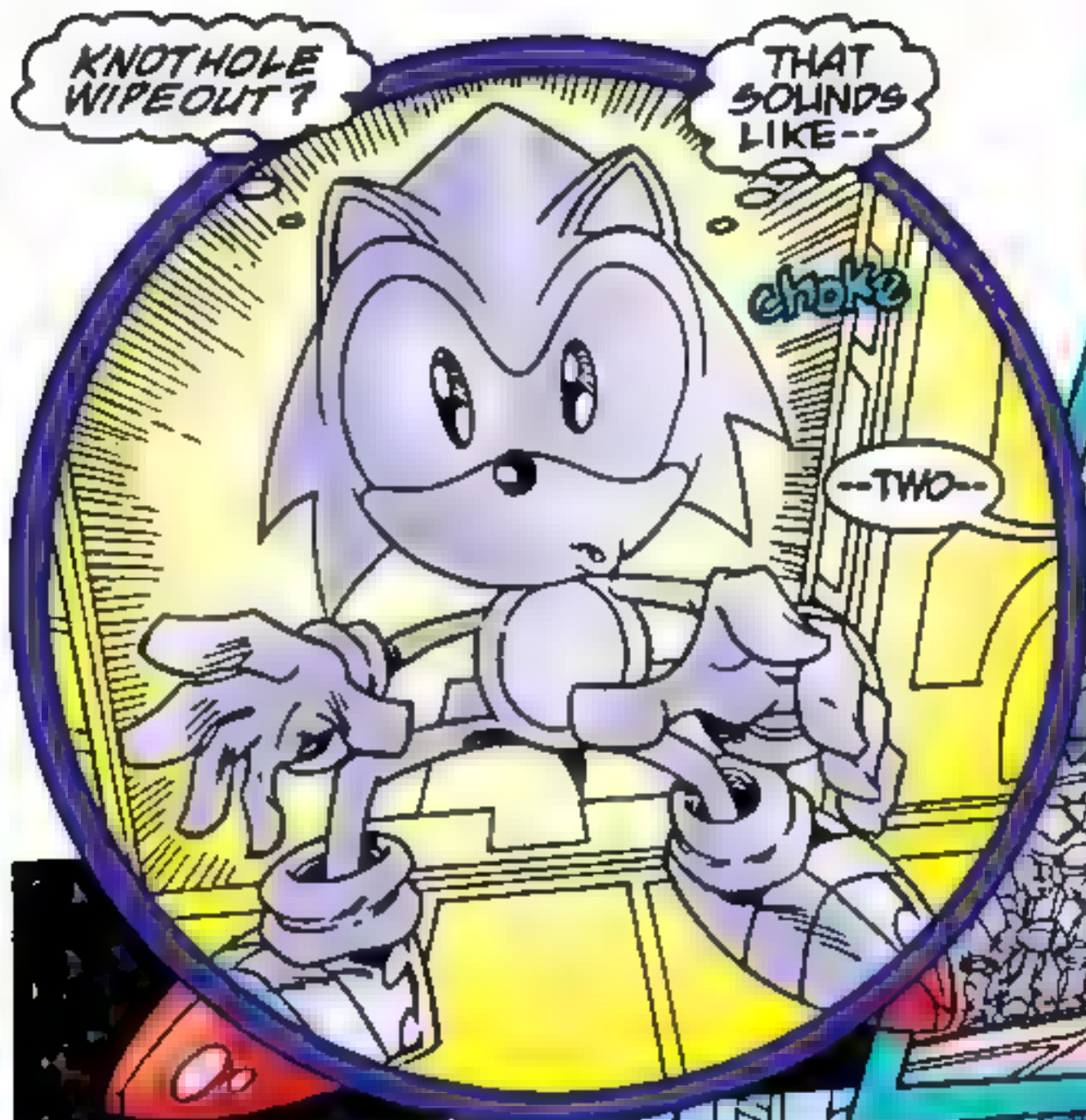
NO "BUTS",
BUNNIE.

YOU AND 'TWAN
JUST MAKE SURE
WHEN THAT
DOOHICKEY OF
YOURS BLOWS--







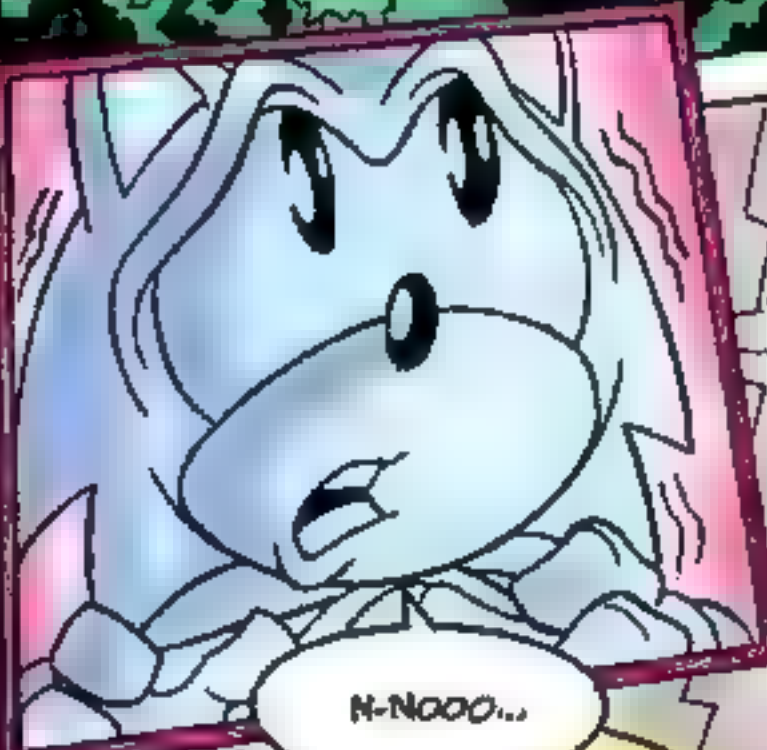


WITH BUT THE
PRESS OF A
BUTTON...

AN ENERGY BEAM OF
IMMENSE MAGNITUDE
IS UNLEASHED,
FOCUSED ON ONE
SPECIFIC LOCATION...

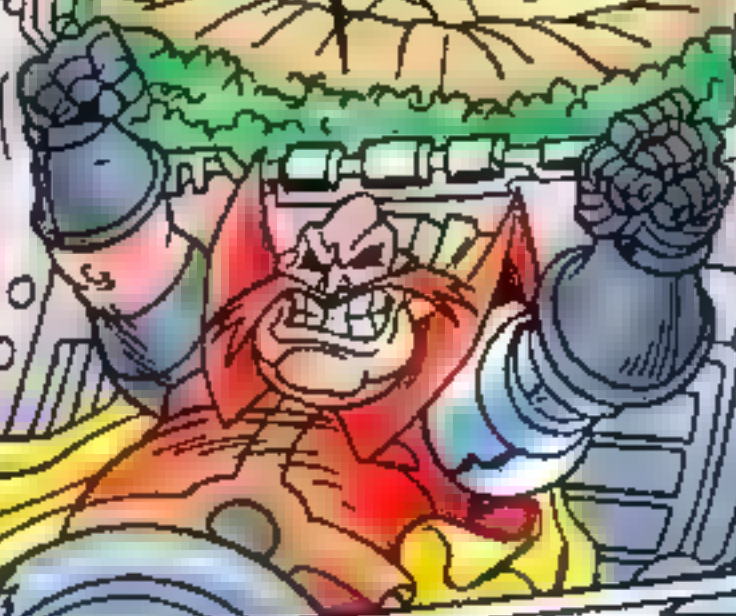
AFTER ALL
THIS TIME--

KNOTHOLE AND
ITS CITIZENS ARE
ELIMINATED!



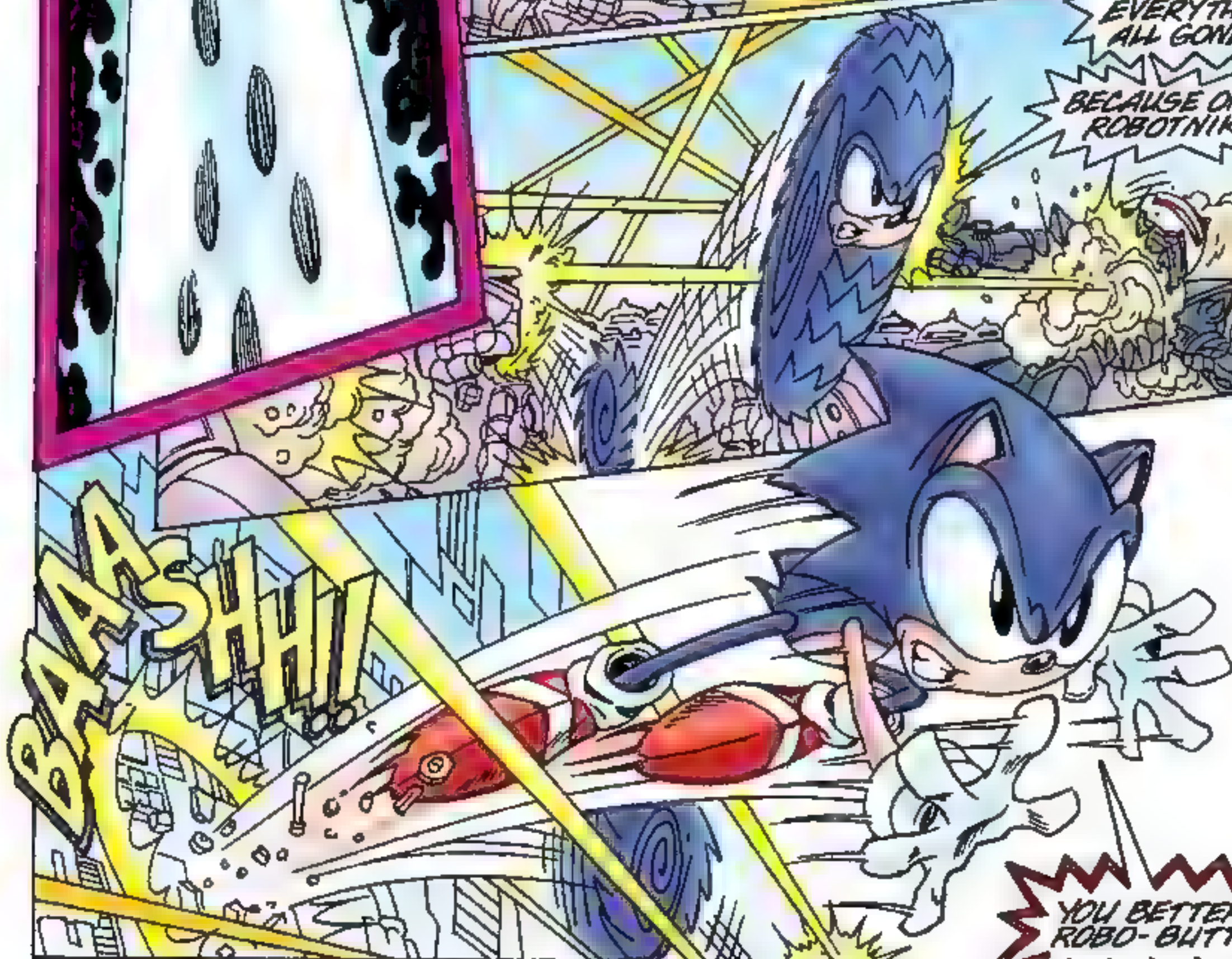
N-NOOO...

ALL MY FRIENDS...
EVERYONE THAT EVER
MATTERED...

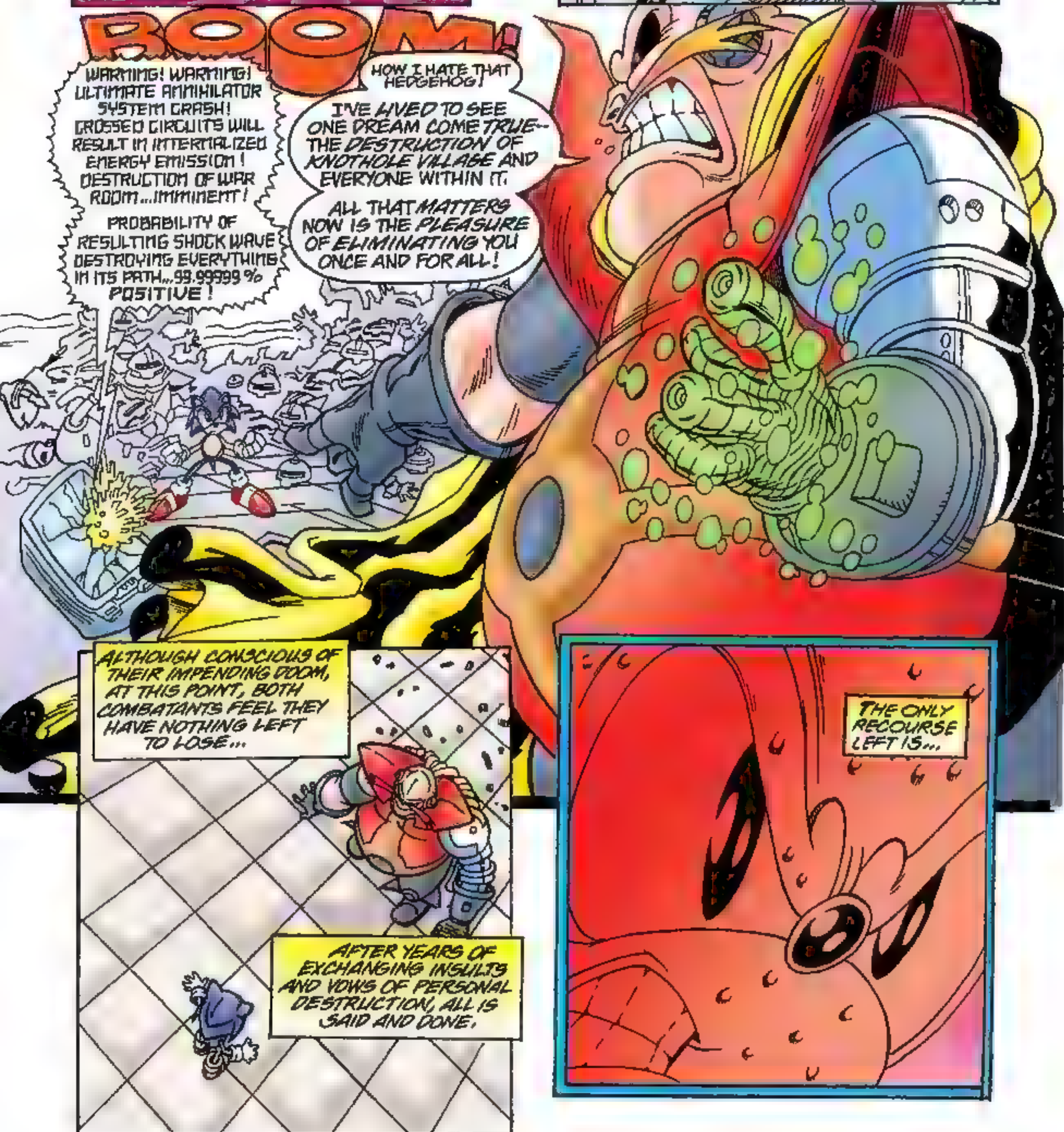
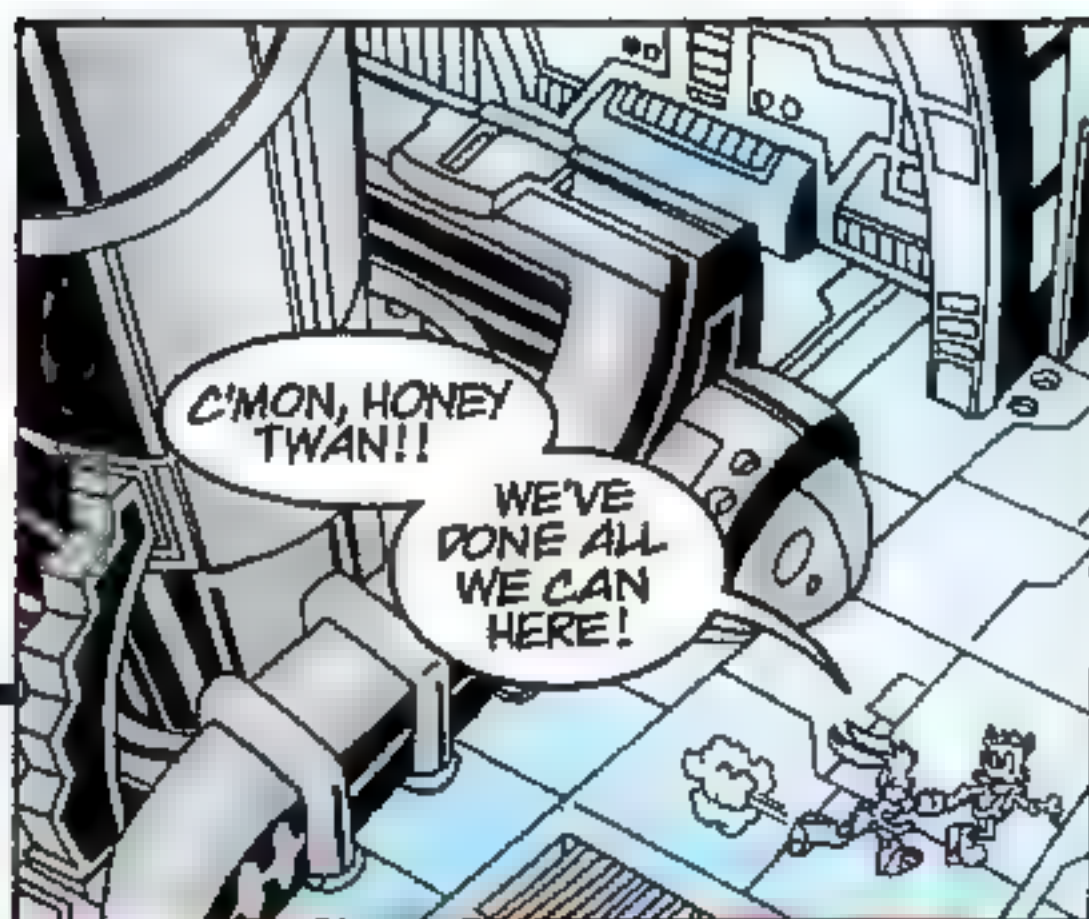
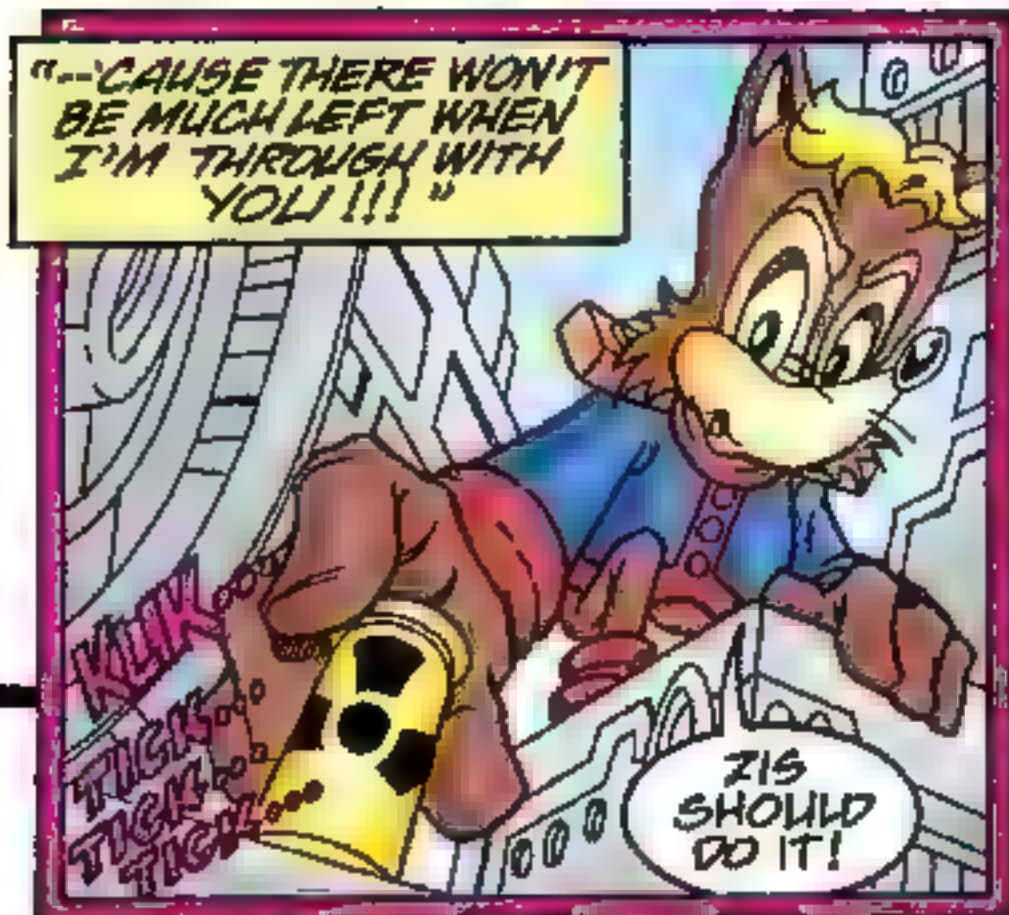


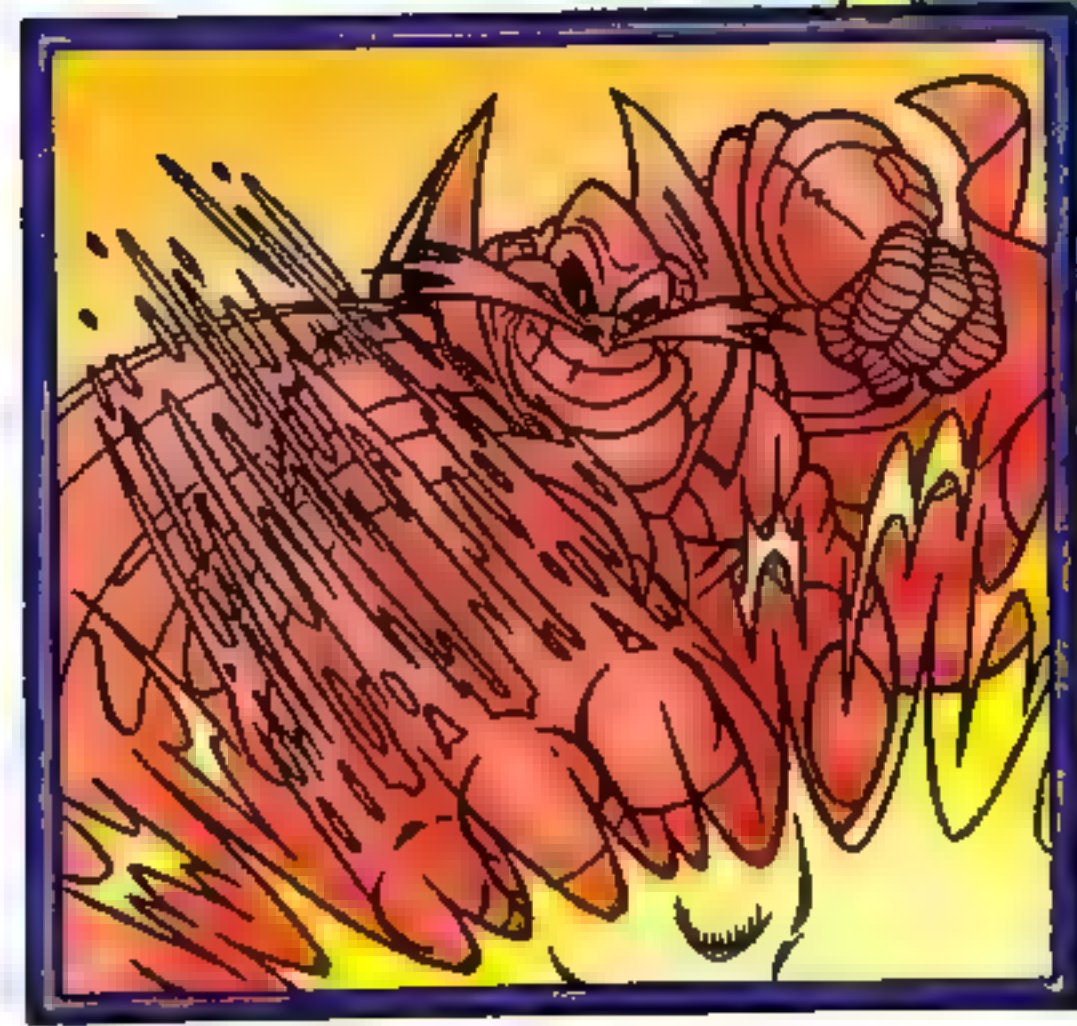
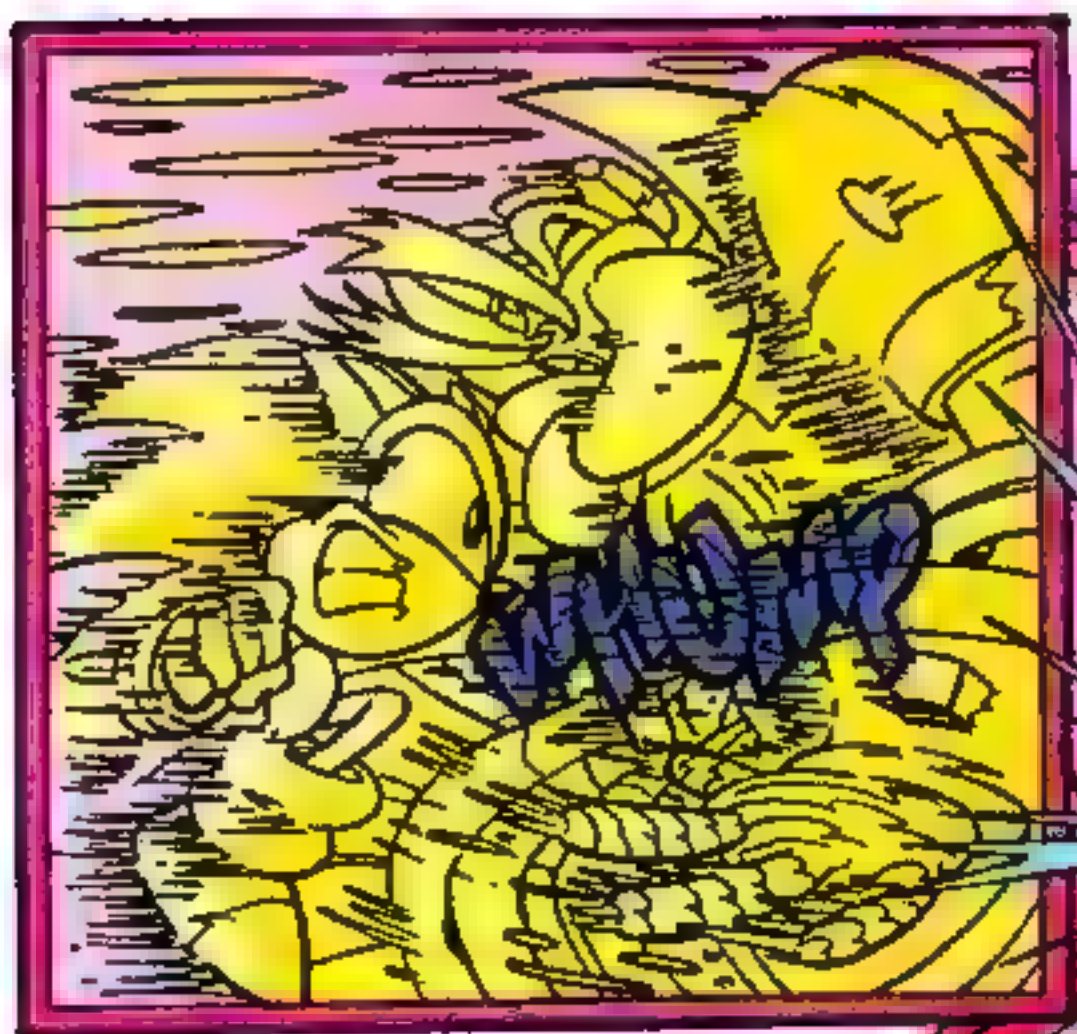
EVERYTHING
ALL GONE!
BECAUSE OF YOU,
ROBOTNIK!!

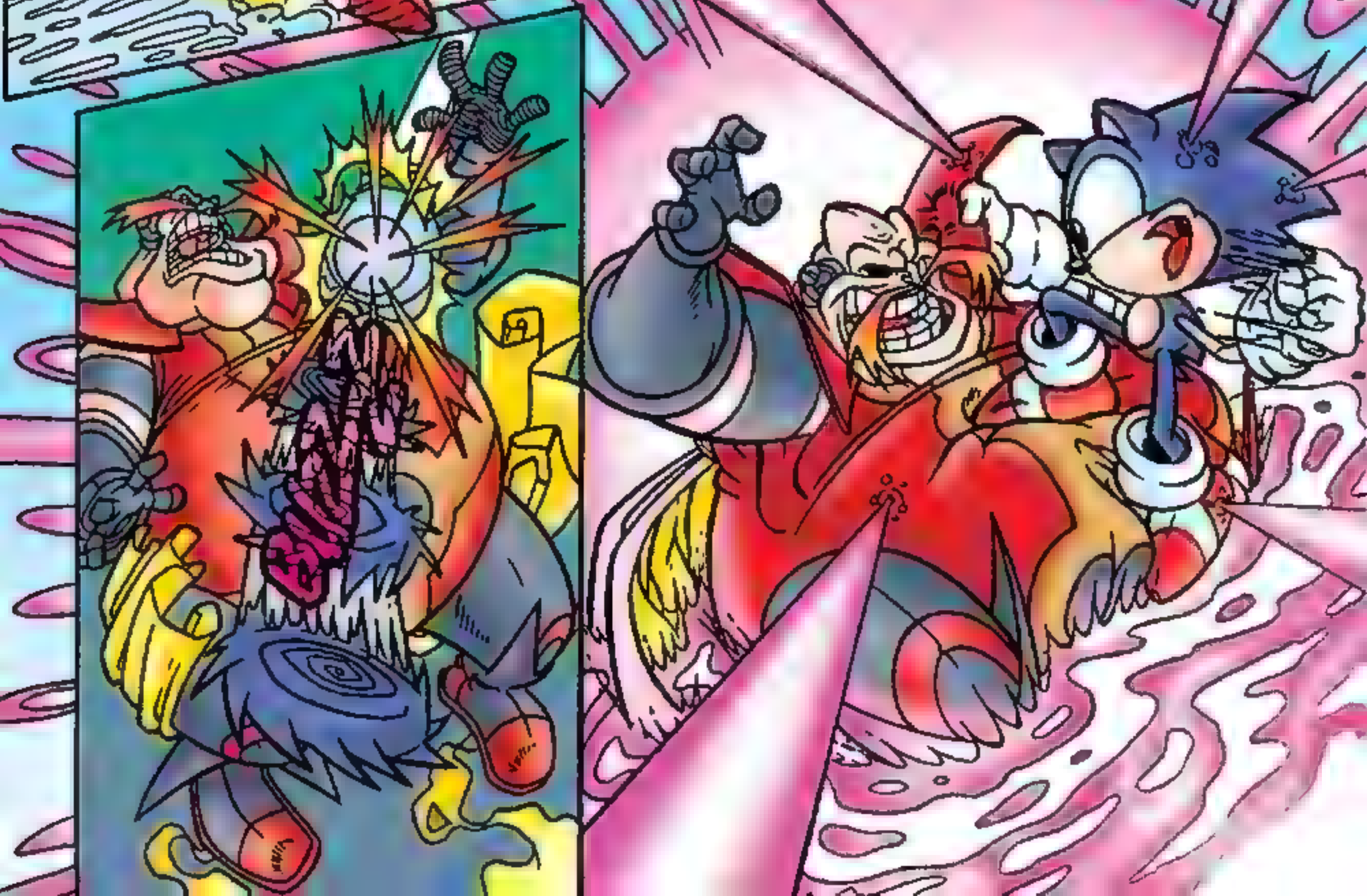
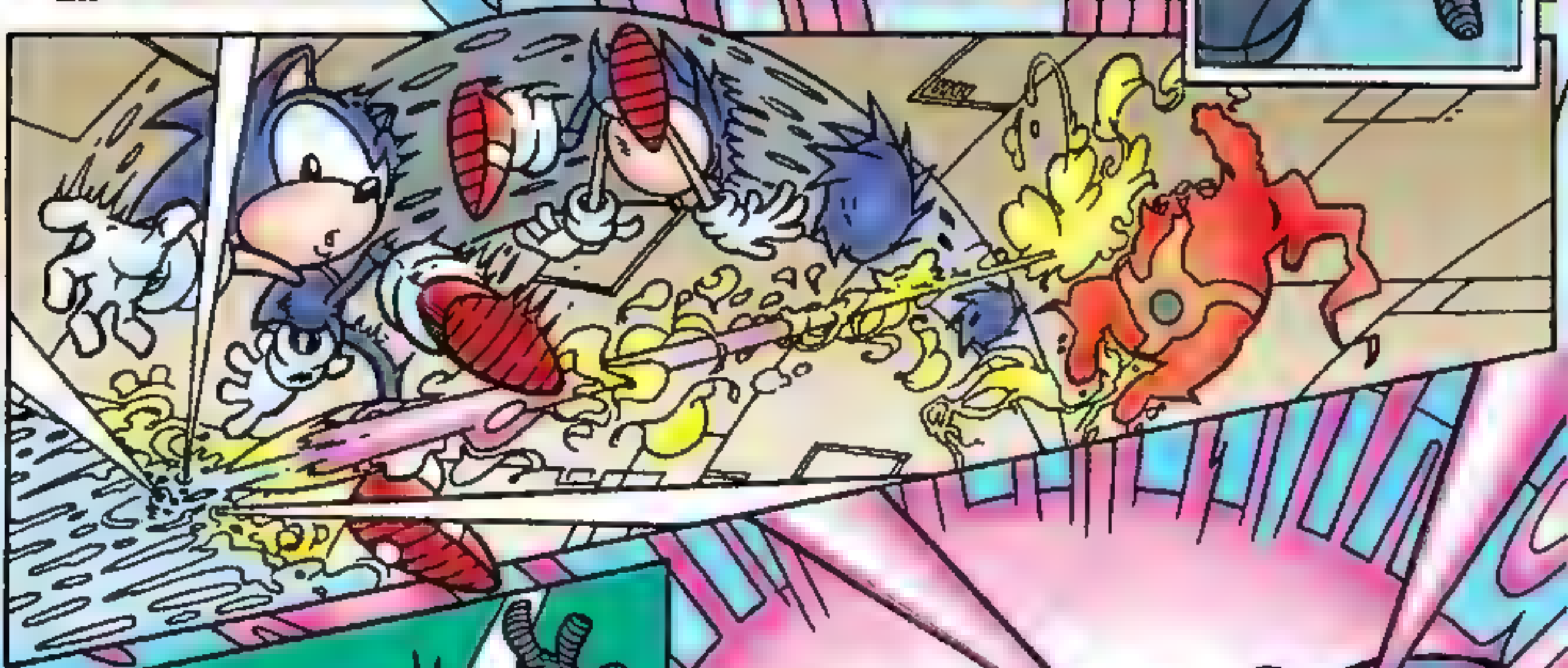
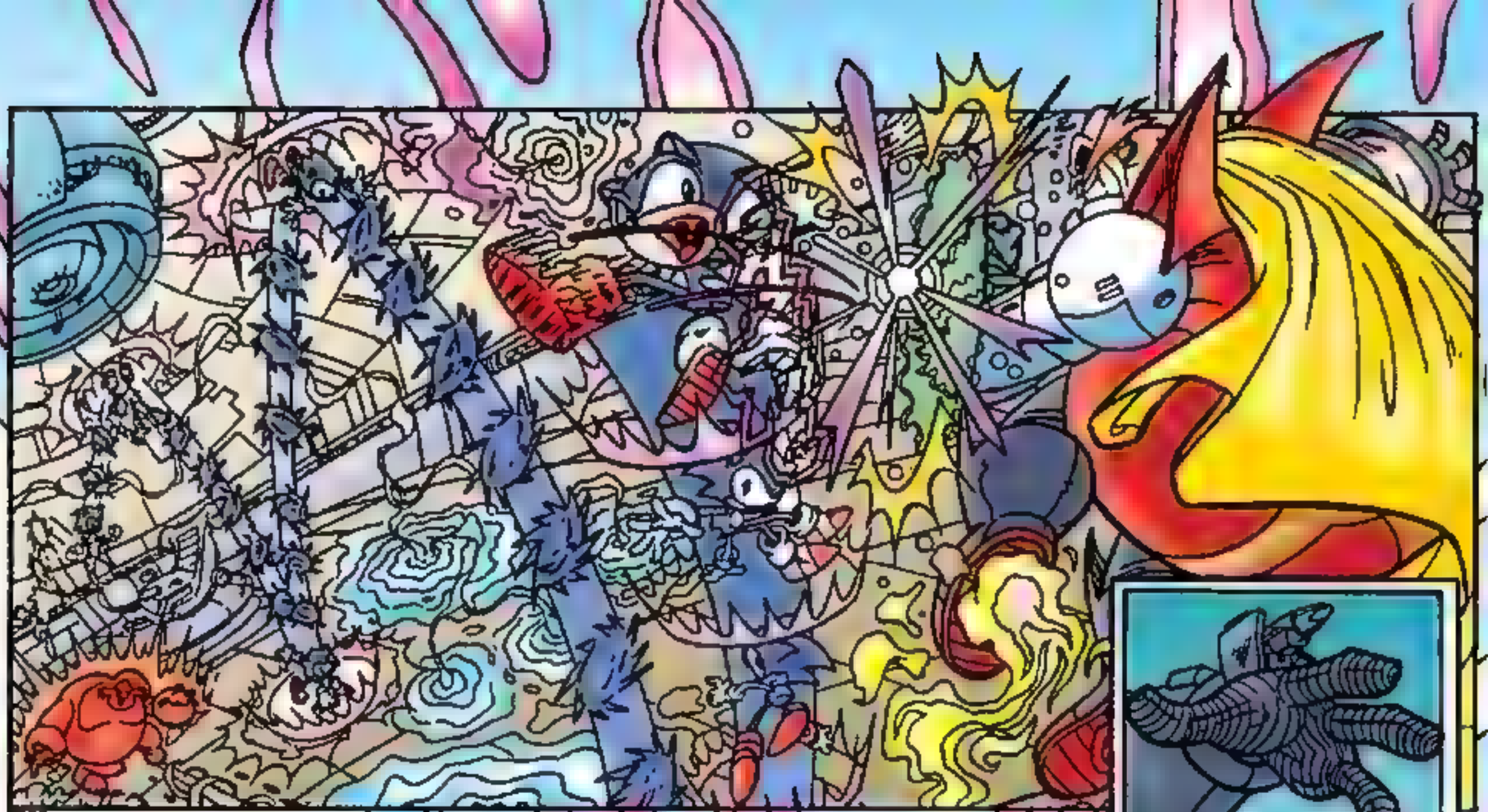
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SHH!!



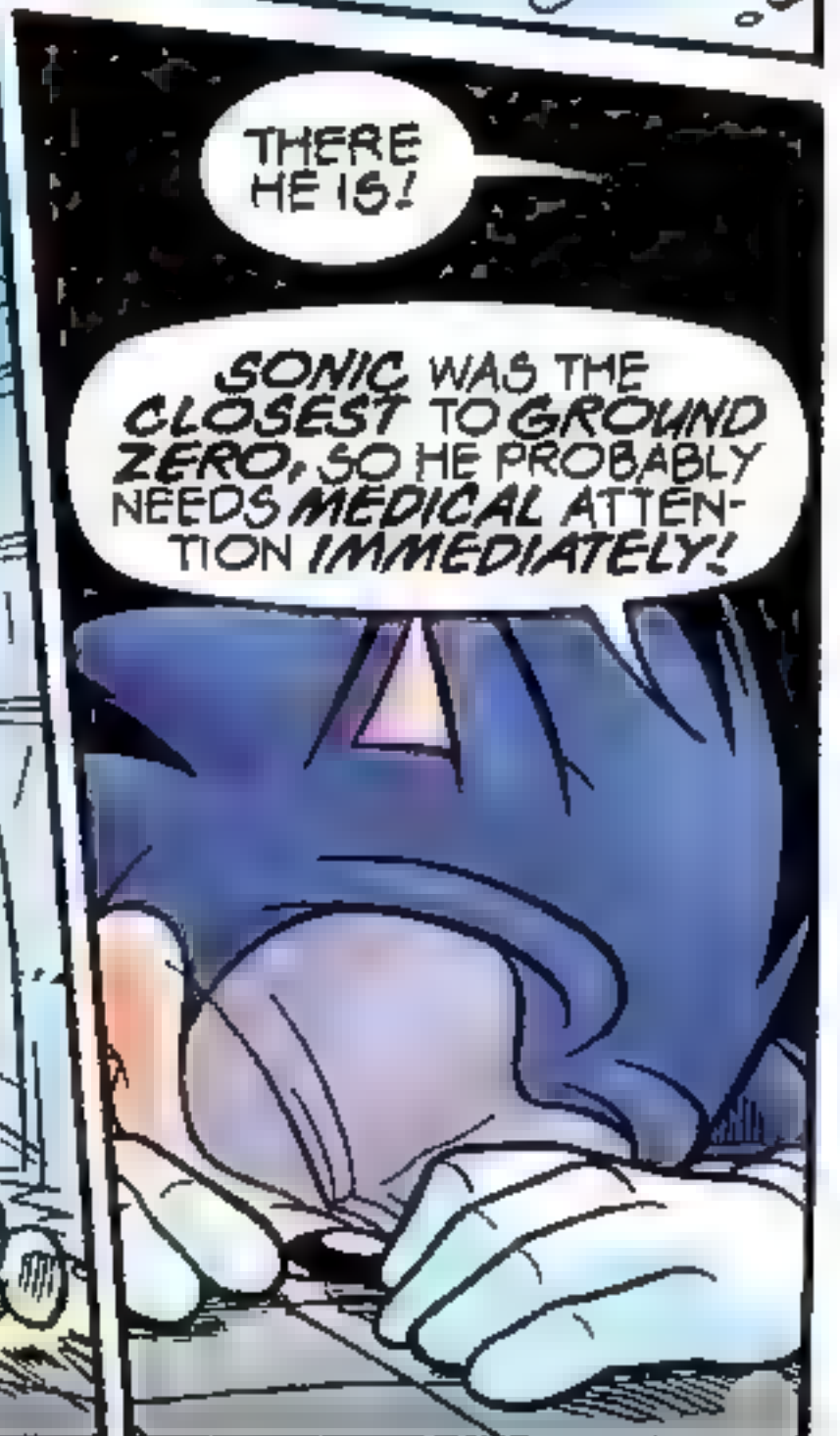
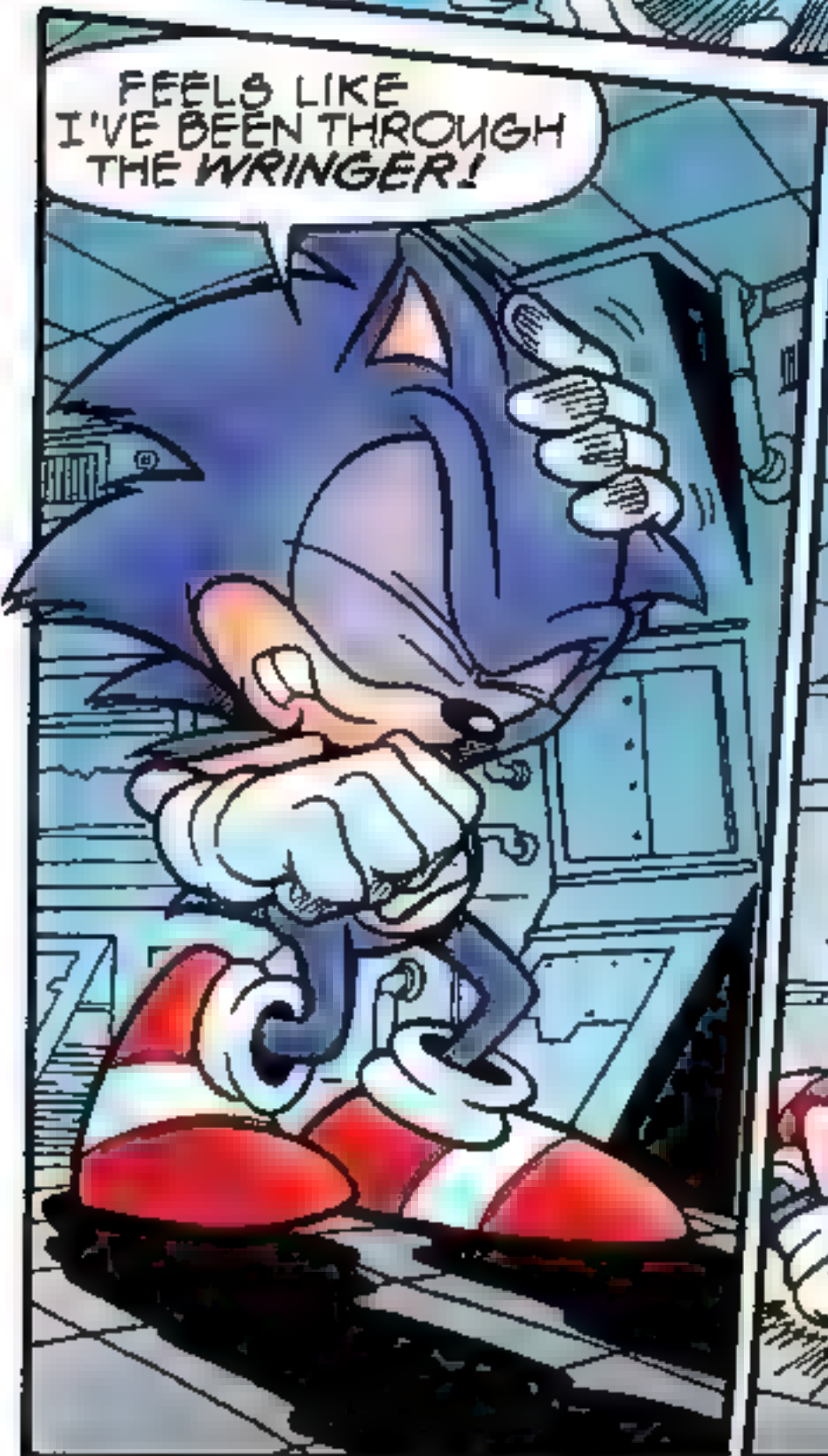
YOU BETTER RUN,
ROBO-BUTT !!!--

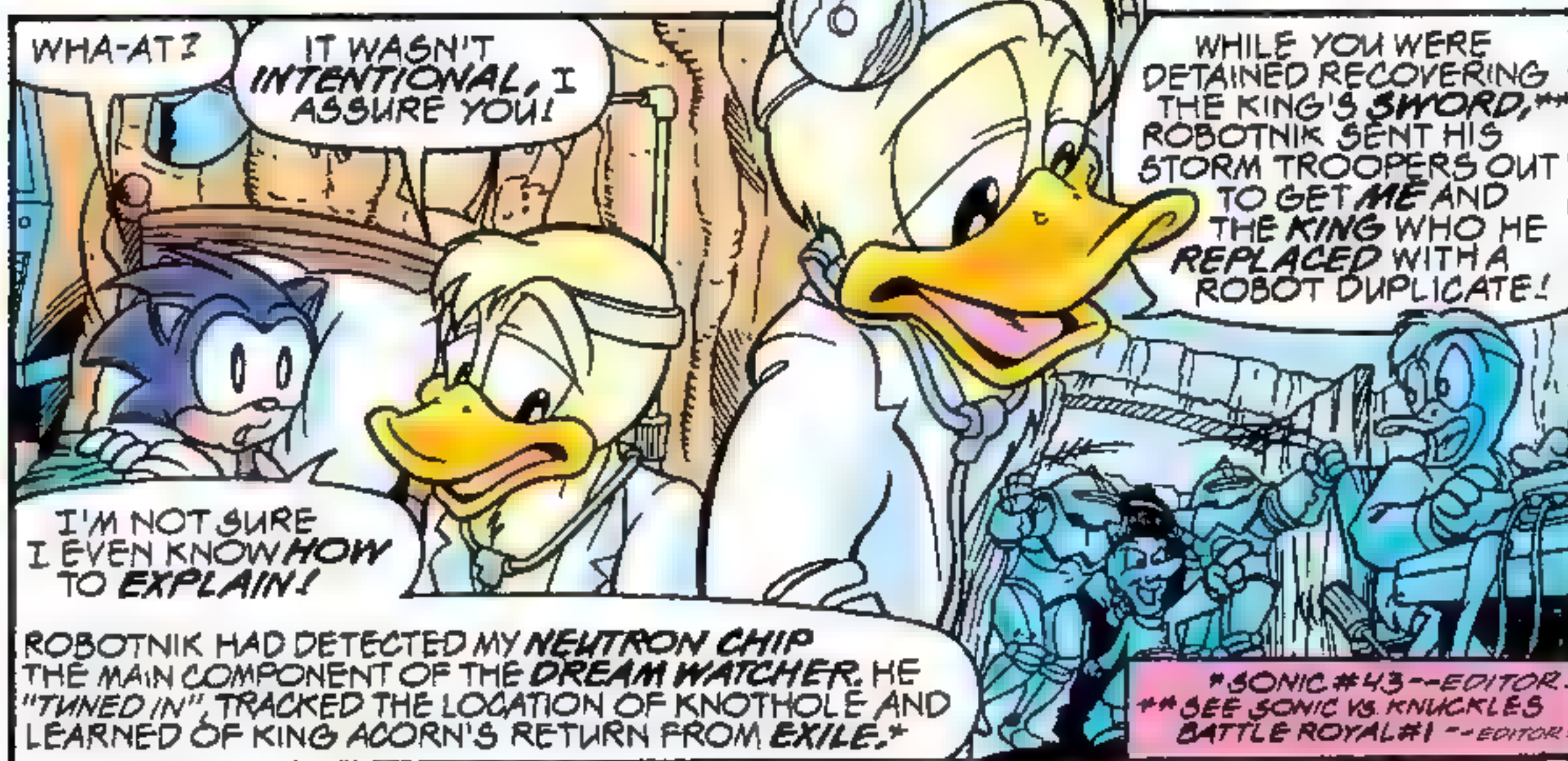
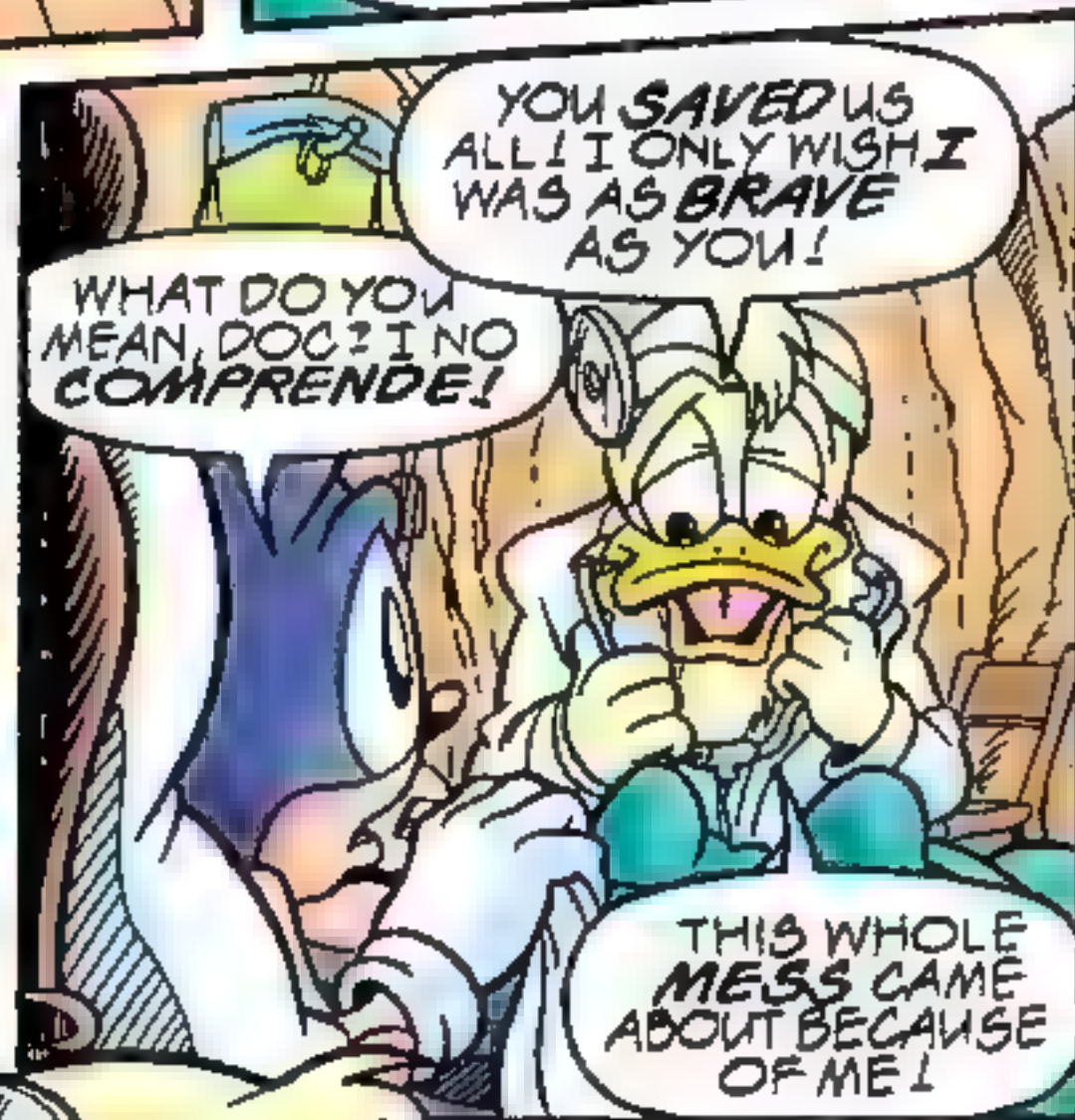
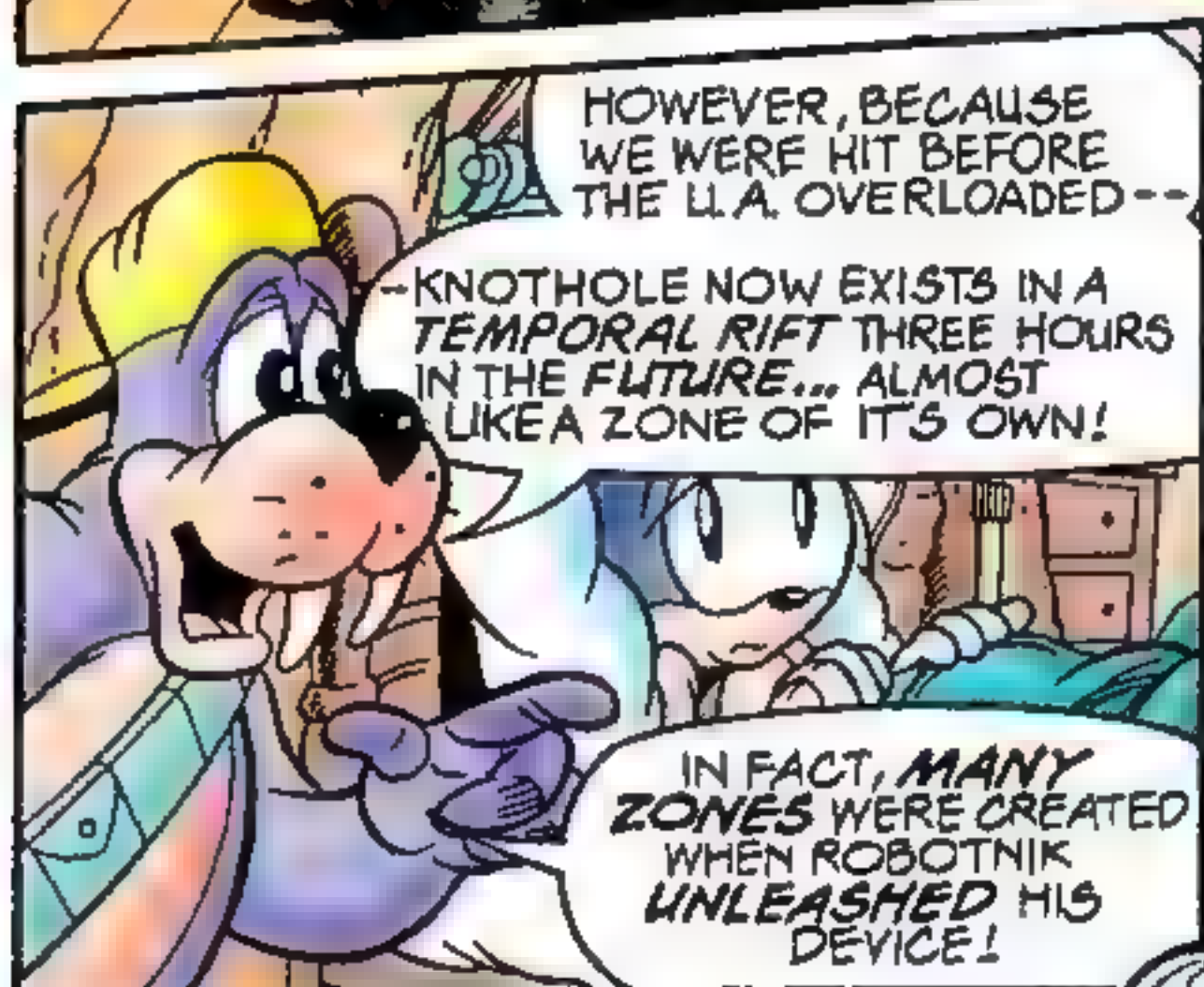
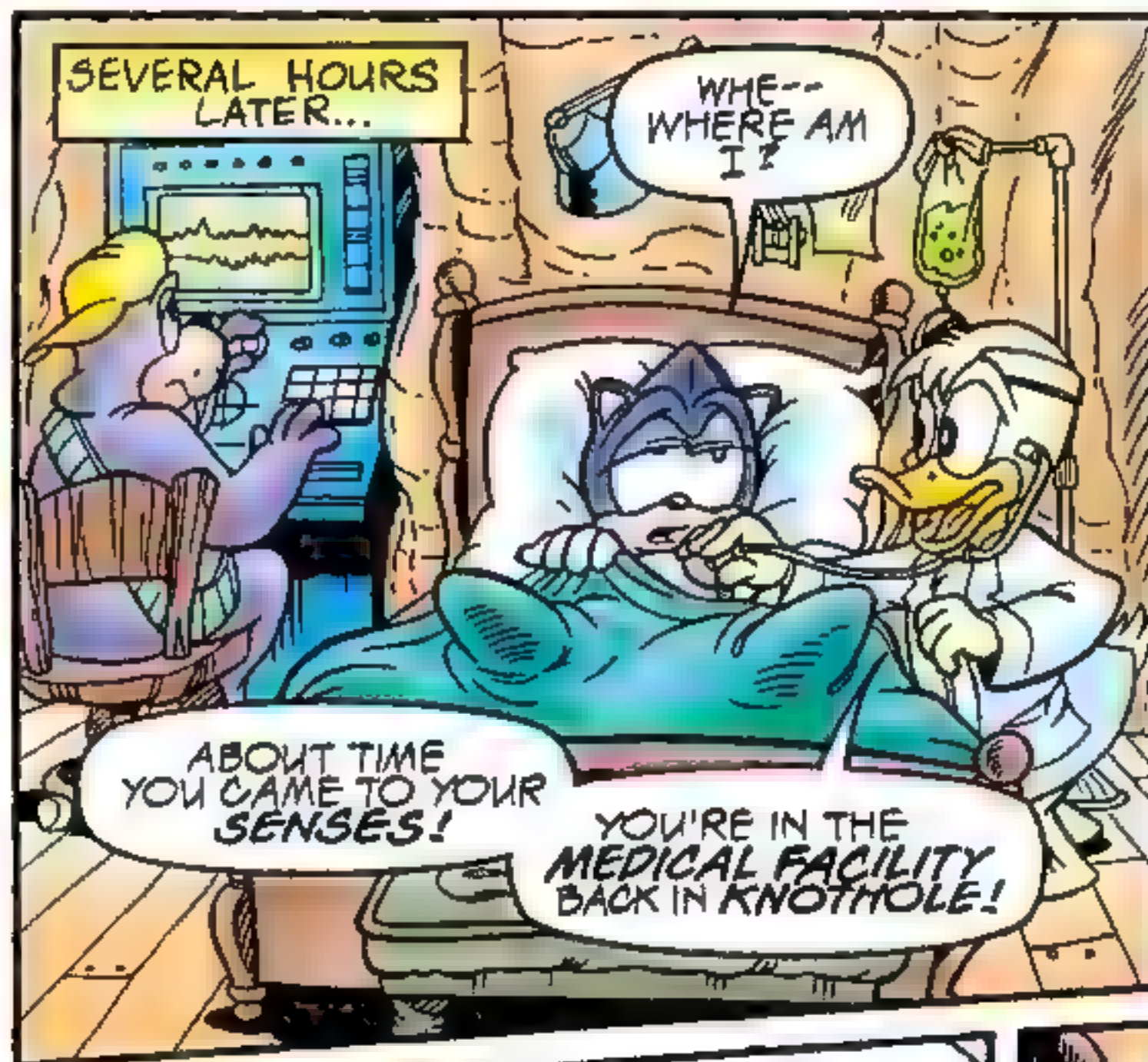


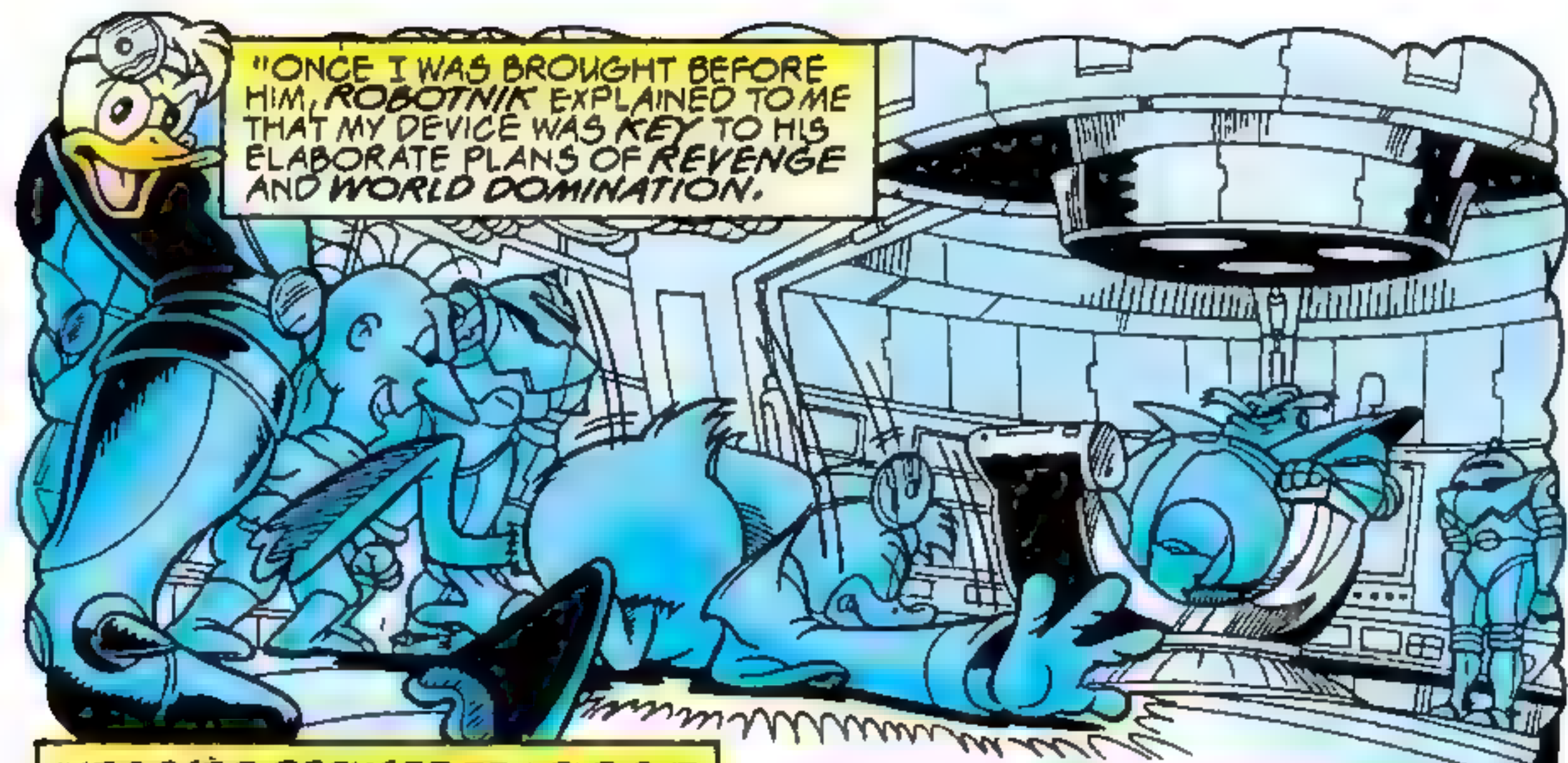












"ONCE I WAS BROUGHT BEFORE HIM, **ROBOTNIK** EXPLAINED TO ME THAT MY DEVICE WAS KEY TO HIS ELABORATE PLANS OF REVENGE AND WORLD DOMINATION.

"AT FIRST I REFUSED TO HELP, BUT WHEN HE HAD **SNIVELY** KIDNAP MY WIFE AND CHILDREN, I WAS LEFT WITH LITTLE CHOICE.

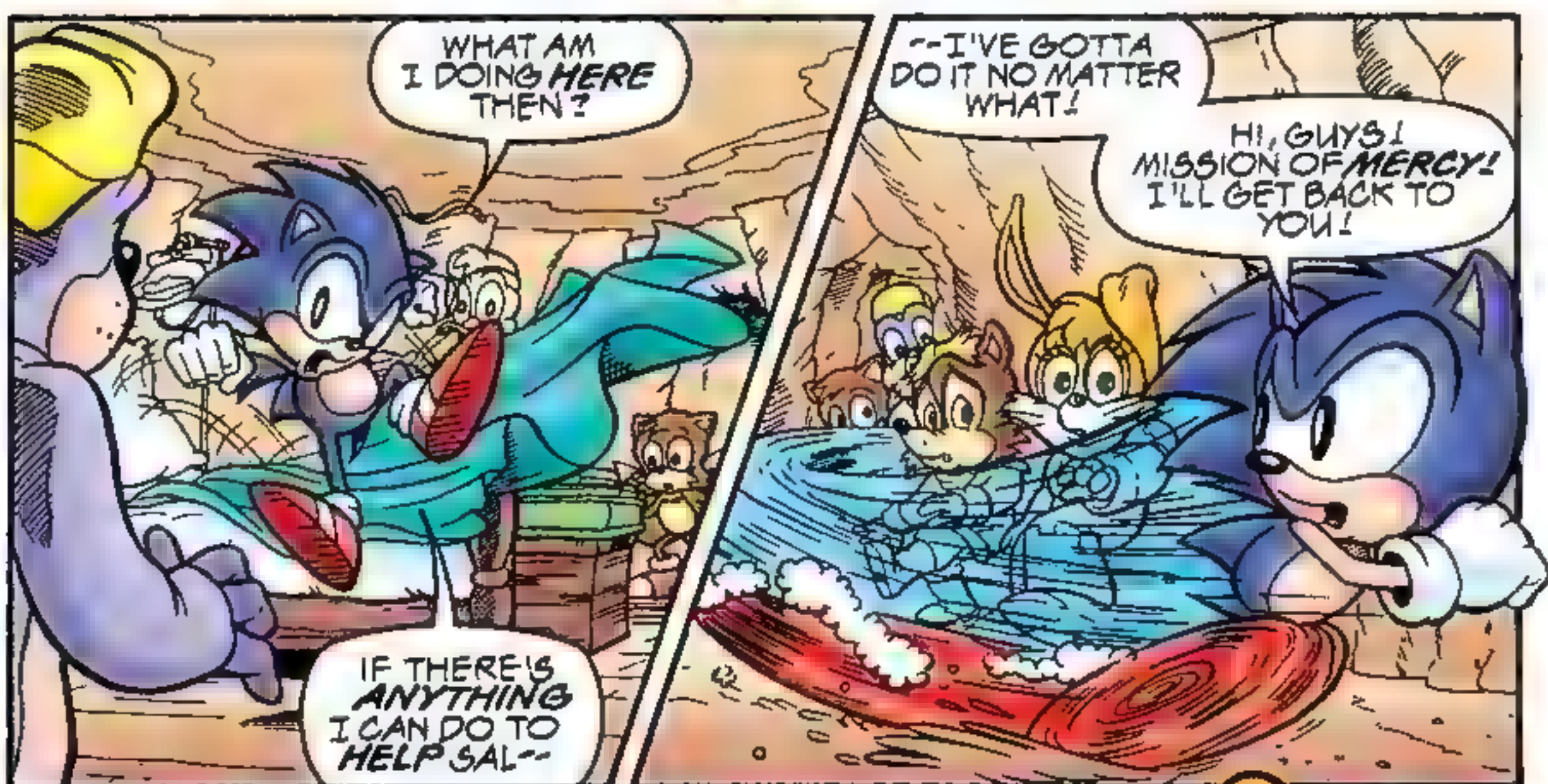
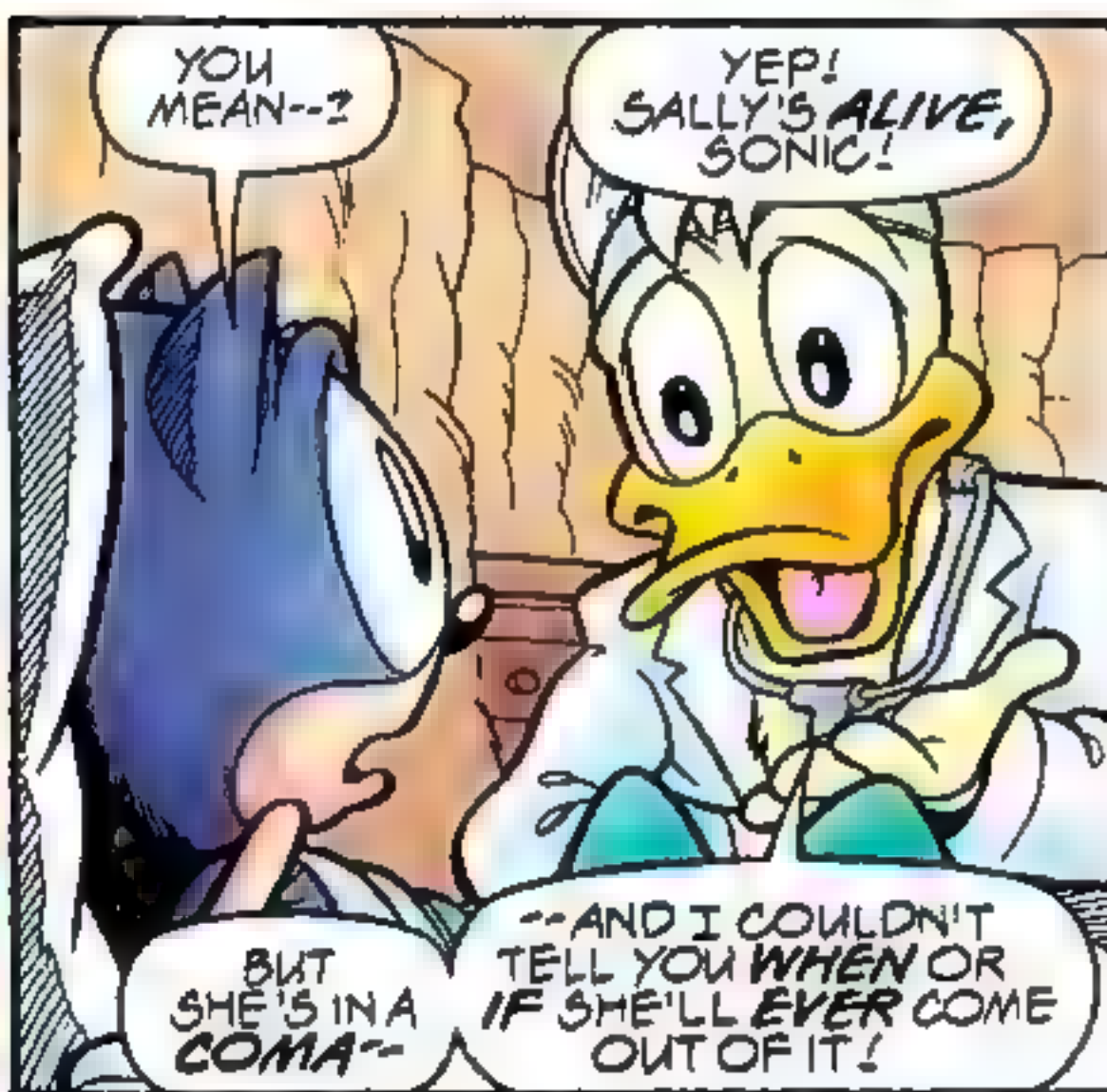
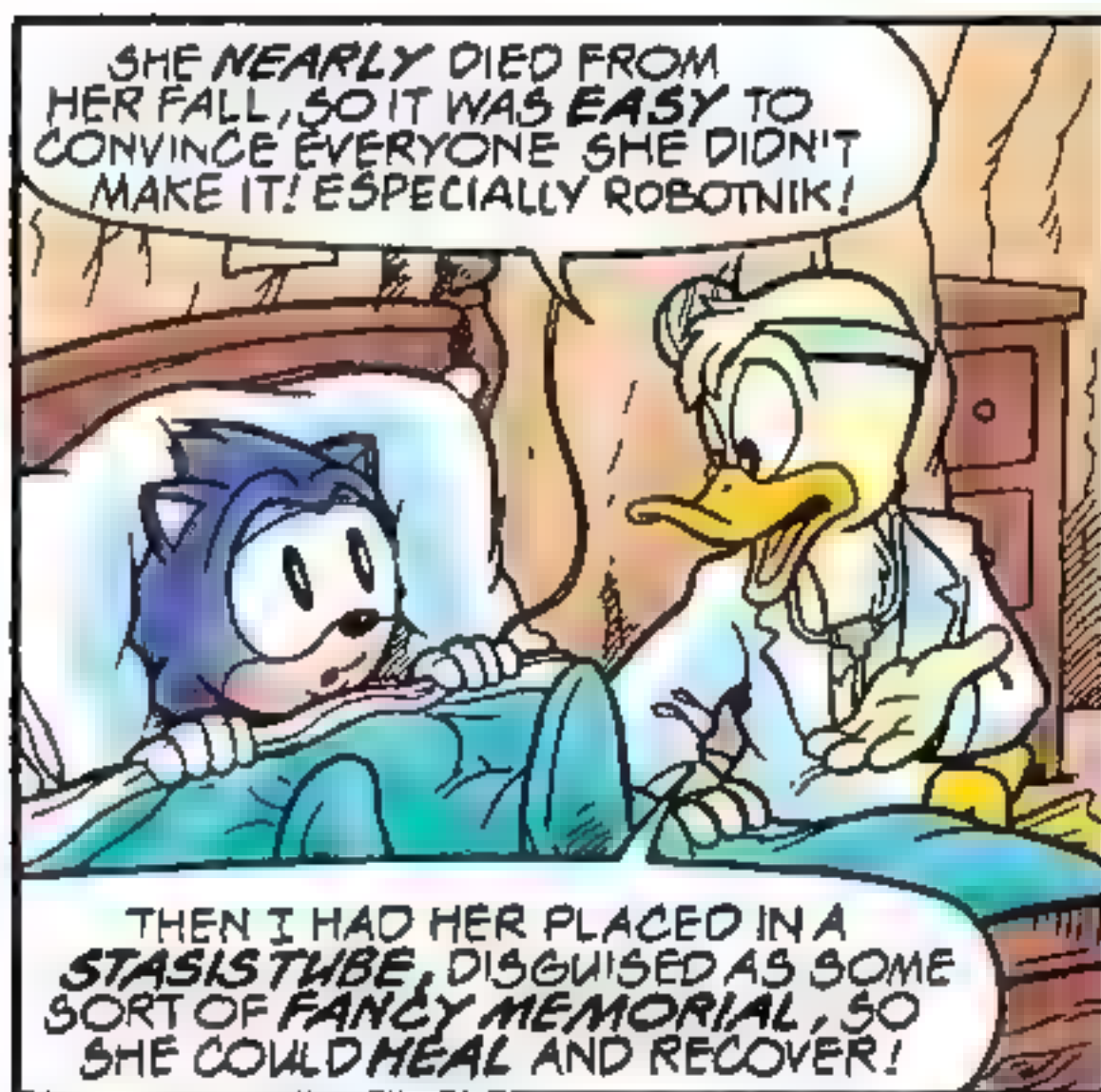
"SINCE HE WAS AFRAID YOU MIGHT INTERFERE, **ROBOTNIK** APPEALED TO **DRAGO'S** GREED AND LUST FOR THE EASY LIFE.

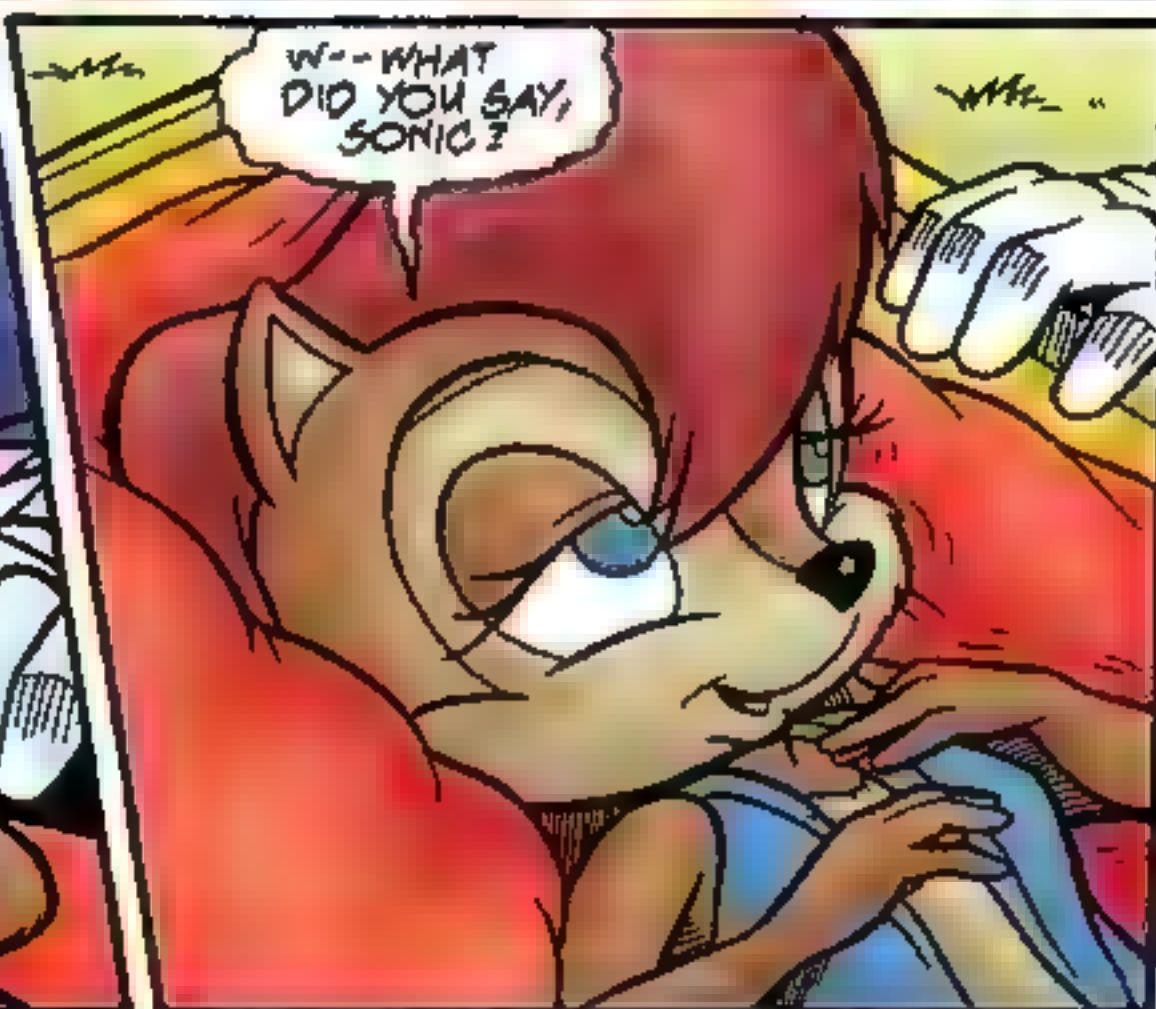
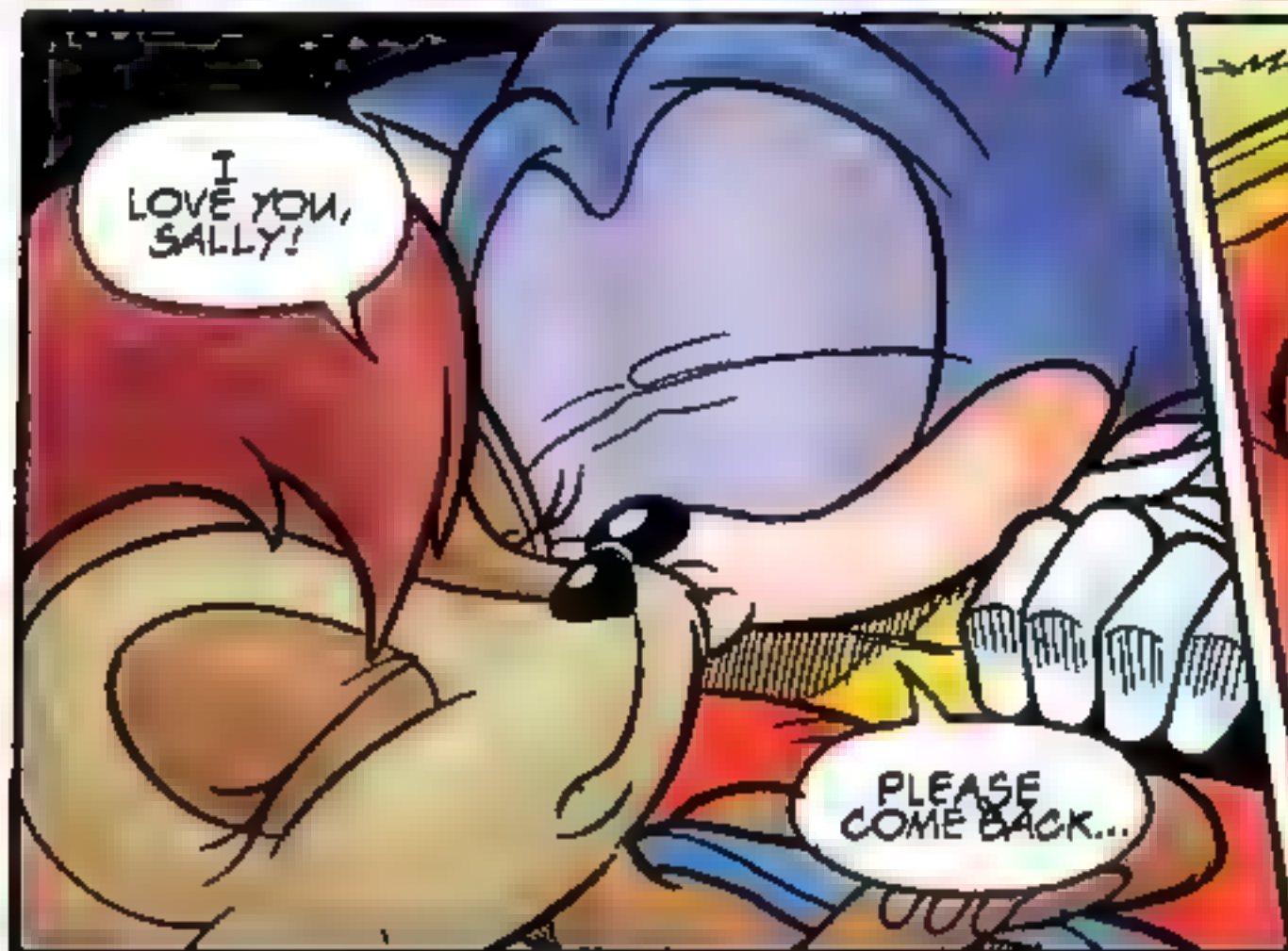
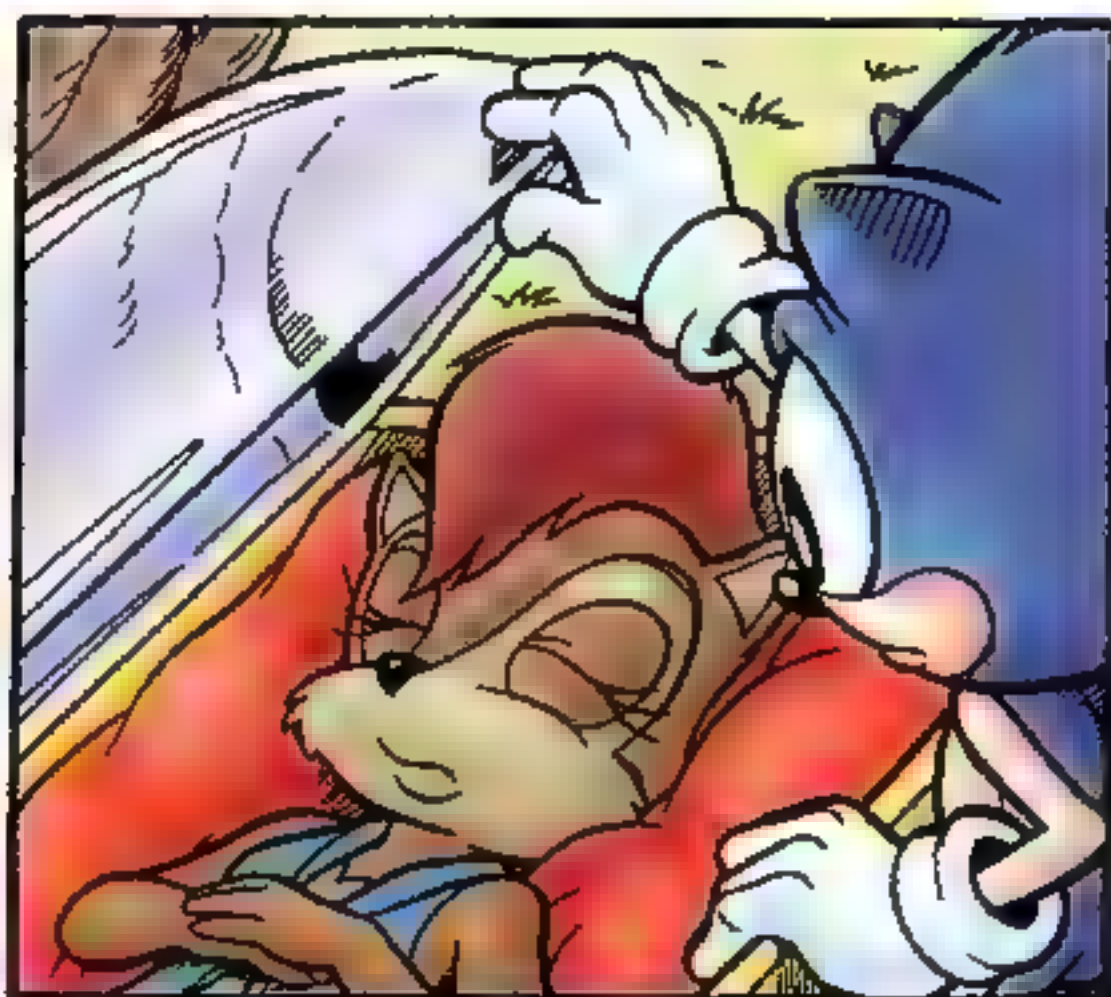
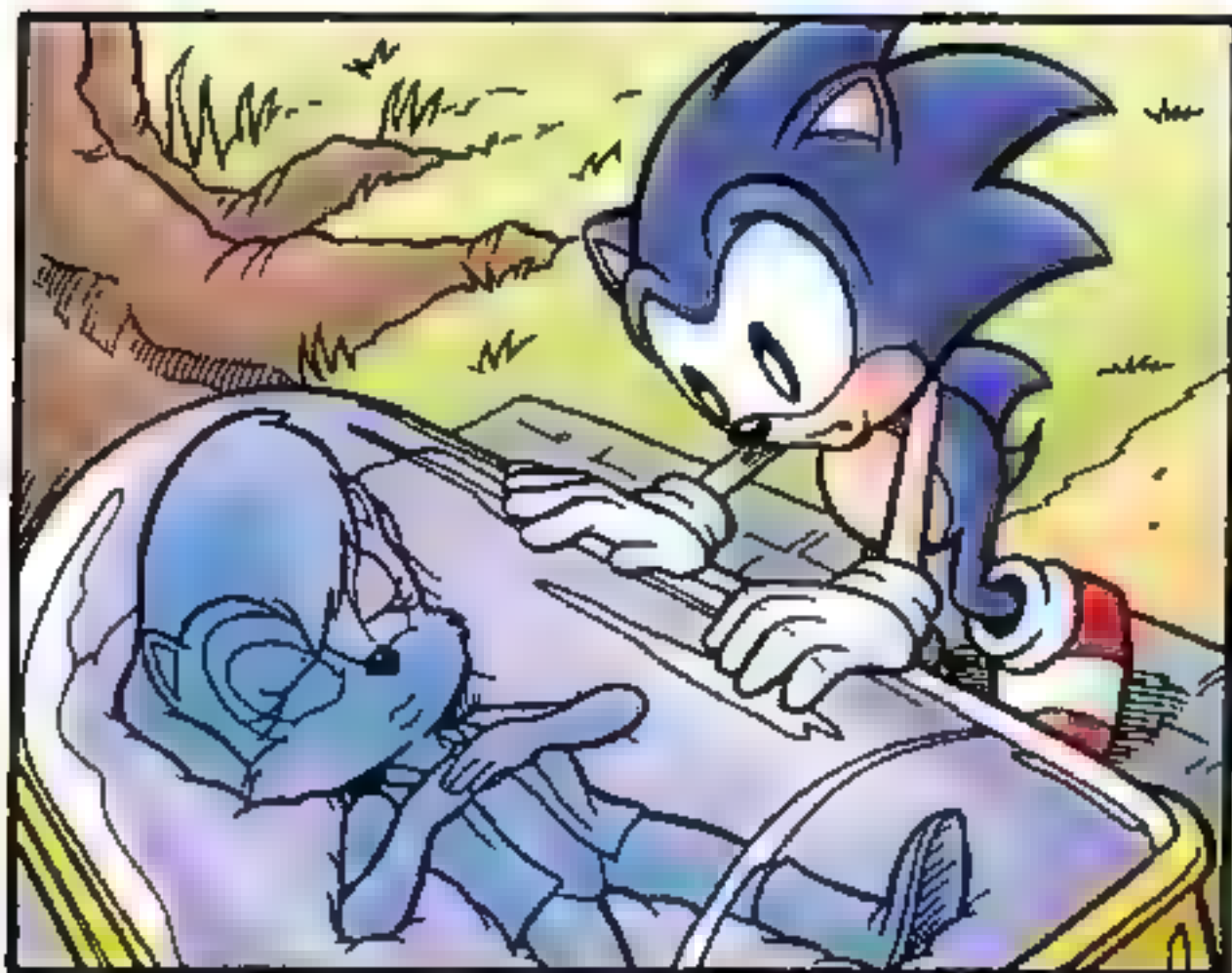
"IN TURN, **DRAGO** SET YOU UP USING **SALLY** AS THE FALL GI--ER--BAIT!

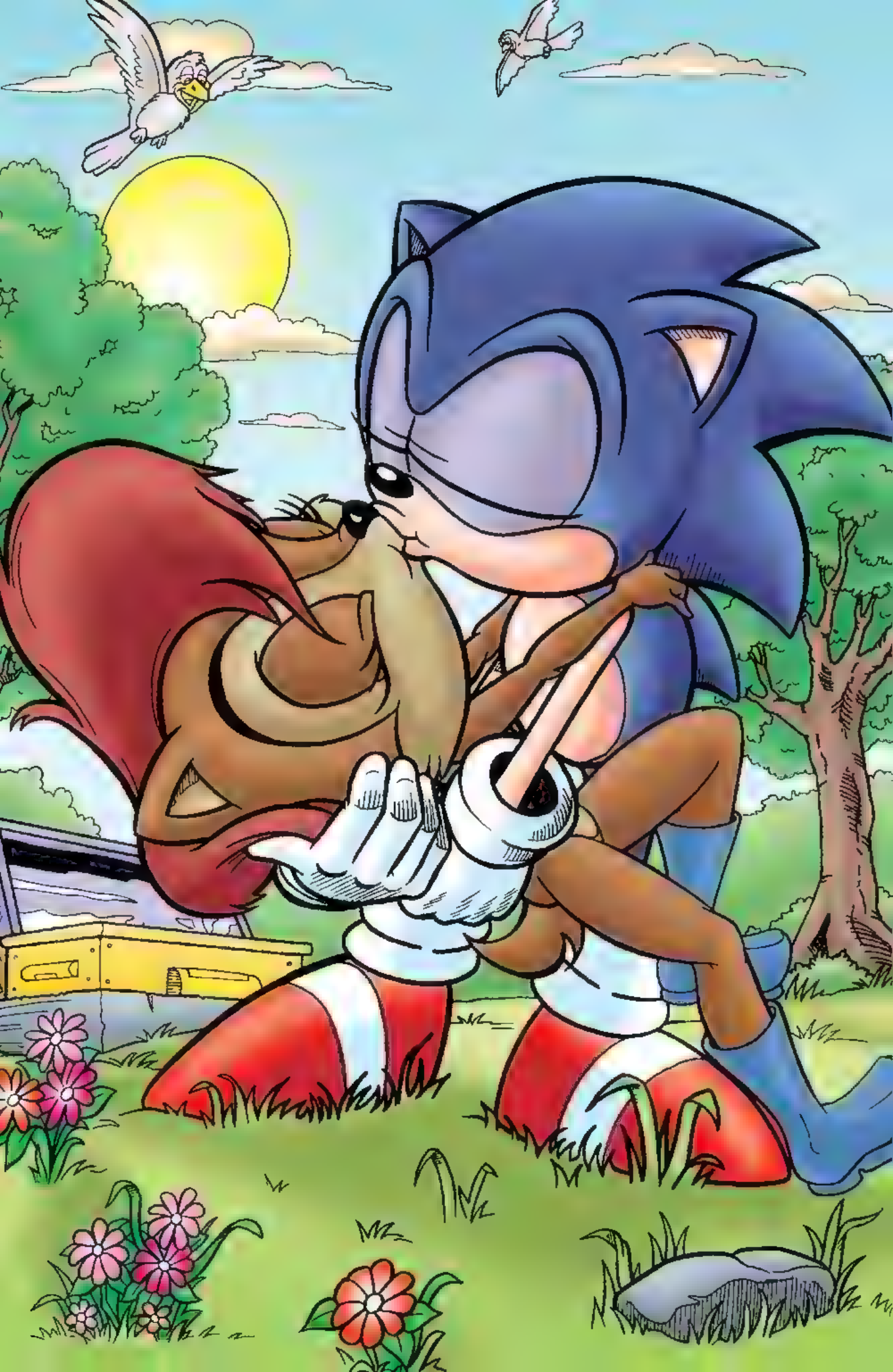
"BUT **ROBOTNIK** DIDN'T KNOW WAS THAT HIS NEPHEW **SNIVELY** HAD OTHER PLANS. I NOTICED HE ALTERED THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR TO AFFECT ONLY ONE ORGANIC PATTERN OUT OF THE MANY ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED.

SINCE ONLY **ROBOTNIK** COULD NOW BE AFFECTED BY THE DEVICE, I KEPT QUIET AND PRAYED EVENTS WOULD TAKE THE COURSE THEY EVENTUALLY DID!

AND **SALLY**?







I SAID--

I'M JUST
HAPPY TO SEE
YOU AGAIN!

AND SO, IT WASN'T LONG
BEFORE ORDER WAS RESTORED...

DOCTOR QUACK WAS EXONERATED
DUE TO EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES,
AND RESUMED LOOKING AFTER HIS
PATIENT, KING ACORN.

MRS. QUACK AND THE
CHILDREN ARE DOING
FINE, THANK YOU.

HERSHEY WAS FOR-
GIVEN FOR BEING
DRAGO'S DUPE,
SHE'S NOW A MODEL
CITIZEN AGAIN.

THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WELCOMED BACK
THEIR FRIEND SONIC WITH WIDE OPEN ARMS
AND BEGAN PLANNING A BIG CELEBRATION

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN WAS
REINSTATED AS COMMANDER
OF HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET
SERVICE. HE AWAITS HIS
NEXT MISSION.

DRAGO WAS SENTENCED TO THE
DEVIL'S GULAG. SOMETHING
ABOUT A COLD DAY IN A WARM
PLACE WAS MENTIONED AS TO
HOW LONG HIS SENTENCE
WOULD RUN.

AS FOR SNIVELY--
WELL, THAT'S ANOTHER
STORY FOR ANOTHER
DAY!

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TRACY YARDLEY!

Back when I first saw the Sonic the Hedgehog comic in my local drugstore in 1993, I knew I had to get it. Once I saw Scott Shaw's incredibly fun and expressive cartooning, I read that first miniseries over and over again. It was one of the many inspirations that drove me to create comics of my own. I started working with Archie on the Sonic books in 2005 when I did STH issues 160 and 161 and then Sonic X issues 5 and 6. Since then, I've drawn a lot of stories. It's not so easy to pick a favorite, but I think overall I most enjoyed working on the "Order from Chaos" story in STH issues 168 and 169.

Order from Chaos wasn't too far into my run, but it was with that story that I felt I got a good handle on the characters and on doing more dynamic page layouts. Designing "A.D.A.M./Tommy" was a fun challenge. On top of all that, these two issues featured my first Sonic covers, so "Order from Chaos" held a lot of fun and firsts for me.

Plus, Ian's script was a joy to work on. It tied up so many plot points and finally brought the notion of seven different-colored Chaos Emeralds into the comic continuity. Having tons of green emeralds laying around for all those years made them seem not very special, and now they're much harder to come by, and thus, much more significant.

Anonymous revealed, multi-colored pan-galactic Chaos Emeralds, Super Shadow, Turbo Tails, Super Sonic, the ultimate, heroic demise of Tommy Turtle – just so much to love about this story. I've done several milestone issues and a lot of cool stuff on the Sonic books, but "Order from Chaos" has a special place in my heart.

Tracy Yardley!

*Tracy
Yardley!*



THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

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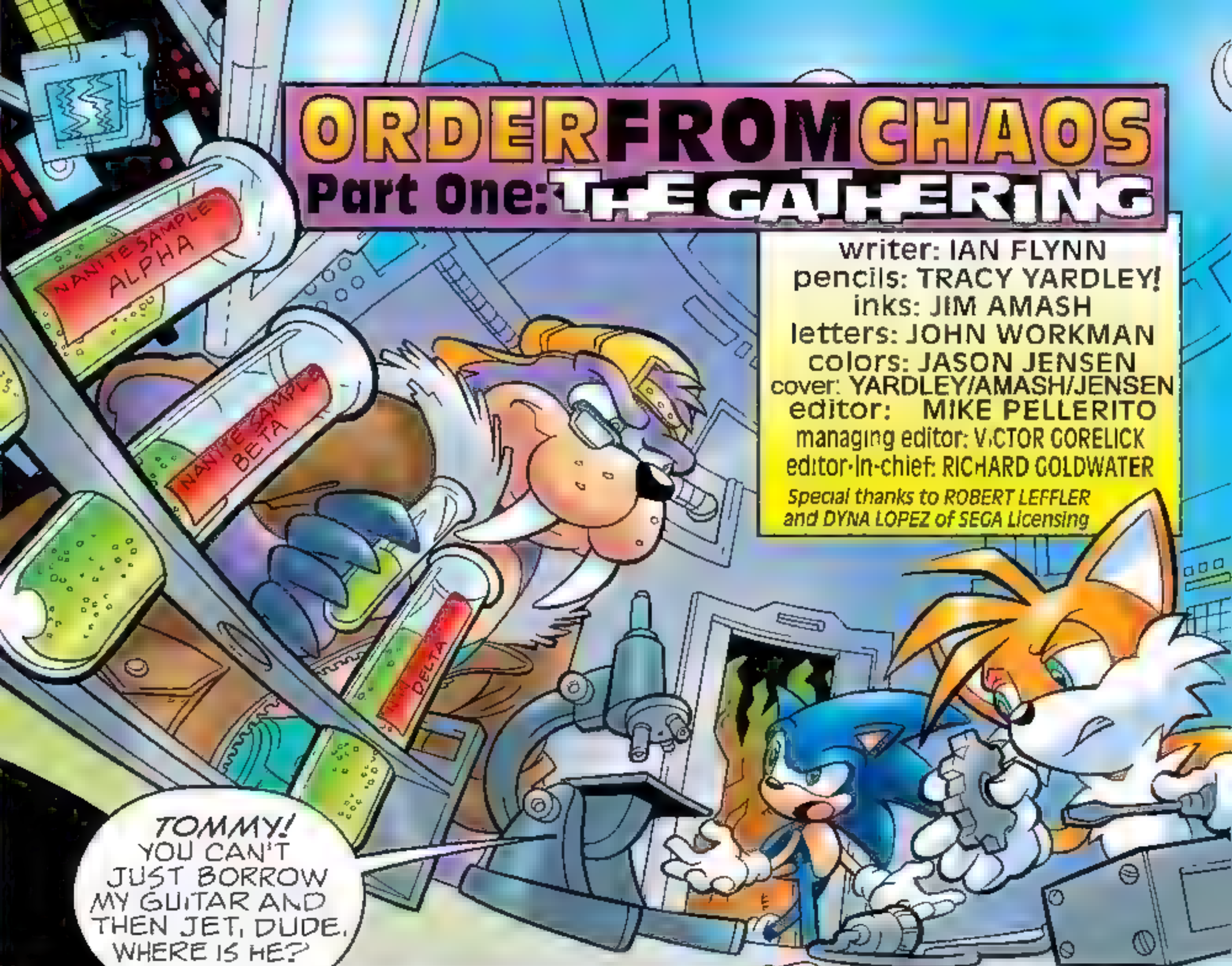
THE HEDGEHOG



ORDER FROM CHAOS

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A comic book panel showing Dr. Eggman in a laboratory. He is wearing a white lab coat and a yellow hard hat, and is holding a petri dish. Sonic the Hedgehog and Tails are standing next to him. Sonic is looking at the petri dish with a concerned expression, while Tails is looking at Eggman with a questioning expression. In the background, there are various lab equipment, including a microscope and a rack of petri dishes labeled 'NANITE SAMPLE ALPHA', 'NANITE SAMPLE BETA', and 'NANITE SAMPLE DELTA'.

TOMMY!
YOU CAN'T
JUST BORROW
MY GUITAR AND
THEN JET, DUDE.
WHERE IS HE?

I DON'T KNOW.
HOPEFULLY, FAR
FROM HERE.

I'VE GOT
FIRST DIBS.
HE "HELPED" ME
WITH MY LATEST
PROJECT. SEE?

AND HE WASHED
THE "DIRTY"
PETRI DISHES,
WHICH
DESTROYED
ANY NANITE
RESEARCH
I HAD
GOING ON.

EVER SINCE HE GOT THAT
DOSE OF NANITES IN HIS
SHELL,* TOMMY'S BEEN
ACTING UP.

AS IF HE WASN'T
CONSTANTLY IN
TROUBLE ANYWAY.

YEAH,
BUT THE DUDE
SAVED MY LIFE,**
HE CAN'T BE
ALL BAD.

NO, NOT
ALL BAD.

"THERE IS ALWAYS
PRIDE BEFORE
THE
FALL."

*SEE STH #154 AND THEN
**SEE STH #117.

WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY THAT, FATHER?

IT'S A LESSON I'M ABOUT TO TEACH ANONYMOUS. MY MYSTERIOUS FOE IS ABOUT TO GO DOWN, A.D.A.M.

CONGRATULATIONS, FATHER. YOU'VE BEEN AT ODDS WITH ANONYMOUS FOR SOME TIME NOW.

CH. 1000
ANALYSIS

EGG FLEET
FUEL CONSUMP

MAY I ASK WHY YOU ARE DELETING ME, FATHER?

I TOLD YOU, A.D.A.M. ANONYMOUS IS GOING DOWN.

I'M AFRAID YOU ARE NOT MAKING SENSE, FATHER.

YOU KNOW BETTER THAN THAT. I FIGURED IT OUT.

ADAM
DELETION
STATUS
93%

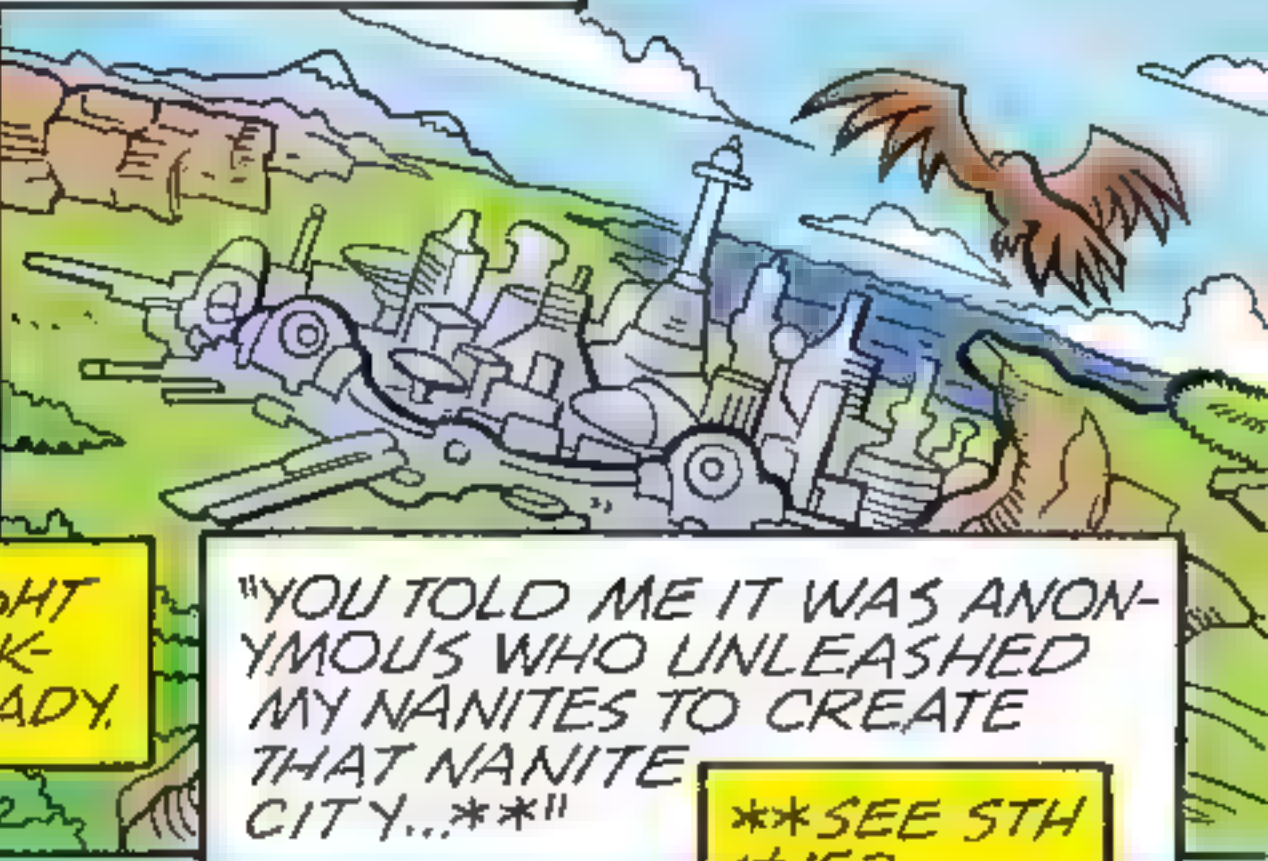
I SHOULD'VE BEEN MORE SUSPICIOUS FROM THE BEGINNING WHEN ANONYMOUS SENT ME THE METAL DESTRUCTIX AND THE VIDEO OF THEIR CAPTURE.* I KNEW THE ROBOTS WERE CHEAP REPLICAS THEN, BUT I DIDN'T REALIZE THE VIDEO HIDDEN IN THEM WAS FAKE.

*SEE STH # 135.



"THEN I REALIZED THE METAL DESTRUCTIX WERE ONLY A VEHICLE TO GET THE AUTO-AUTOMATON OF TOMMY TURTLE CLOSE TO SONIC.*"

WELL DONE, FATHER.



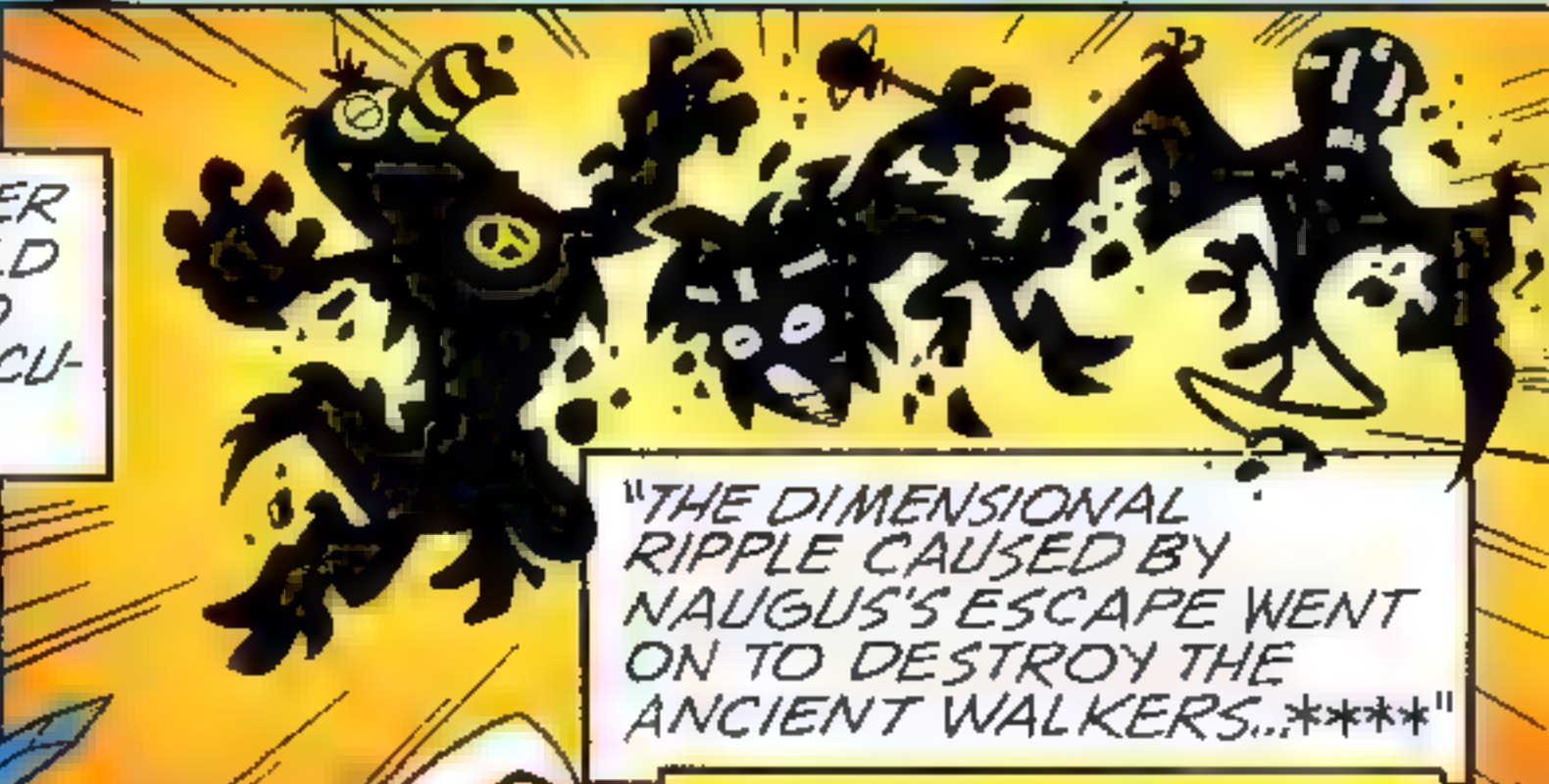
*SEE STH #136 YOU MIGHT WANT TO GET YOUR BACK-ISSUE ORDER SHEET READY.

"YOU TOLD ME IT WAS ANONYMOUS WHO UNLEASHED MY NANITES TO CREATE THAT NANITE CITY...**"

**SEE STH #152.



"...AND LET IN THOSE SPIDER NINJAS WHO FREED MY OLD RIVAL--IXIS NAUGUS--AND DISPOSED OF ALL MY OCCUPIED EGG GRAPES.***"

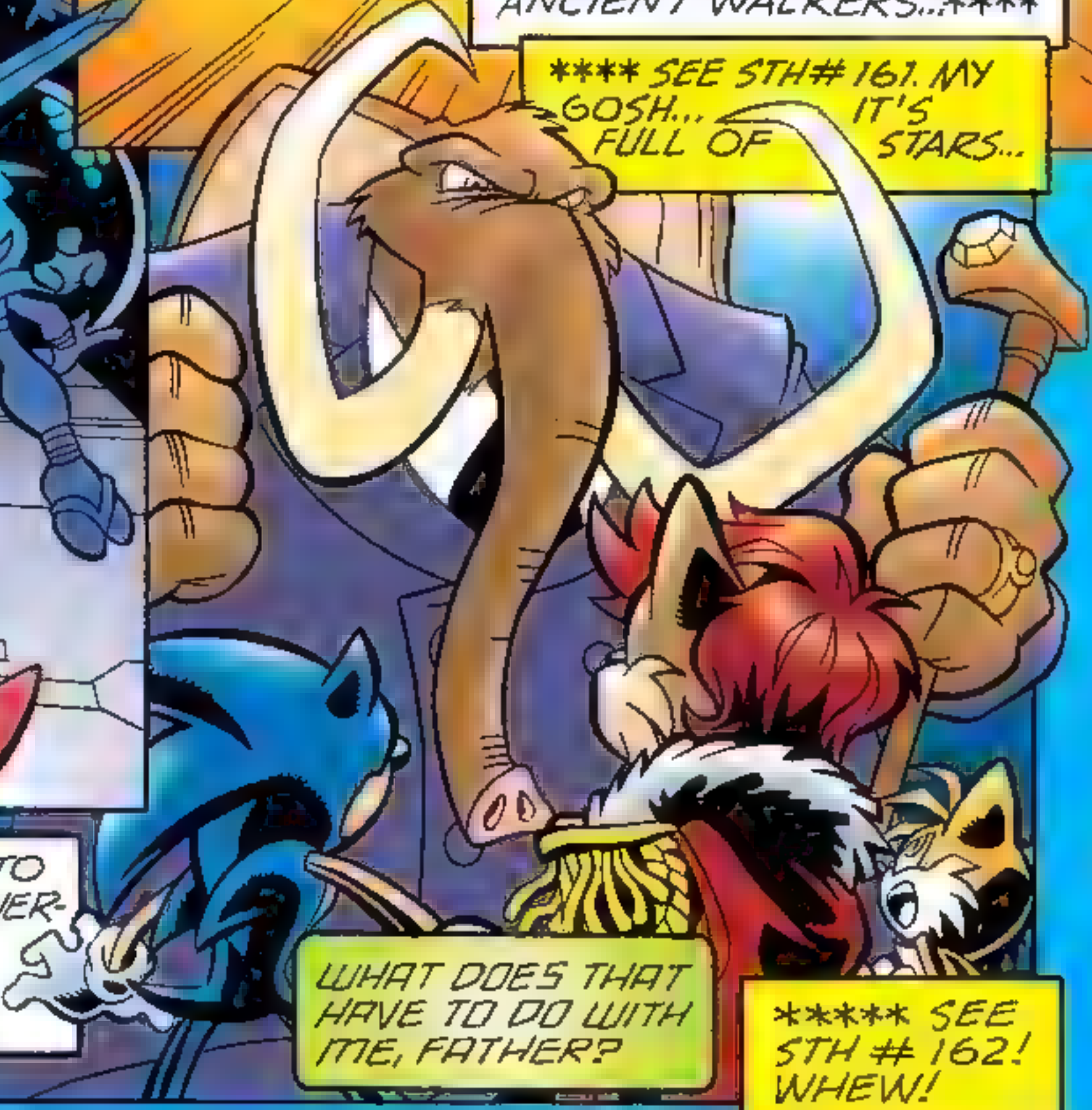


"THE DIMENSIONAL RIPPLE CAUSED BY NAUGUS'S ESCAPE WENT ON TO DESTROY THE ANCIENT WALKERS..****"

**** SEE STH#161. MY GOSH... IT'S FULL OF STARS...

*** SEE STH #161. SEE? DIDN'T WE TELL YOU?

"...WHICH ALL SERVED TO FREE THE MOST POWERFUL VILLAIN OF ALL TIME...MAMMOTH MOGUL.*****"



WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME, FATHER?

***** SEE STH #162! WHEW!



BECAUSE I
JUST WATCHED
YOU STEAL HIS
CHAOS EMERALD
AND RELEASE
BOTH HIM
AND IXIS
NAUGUS!

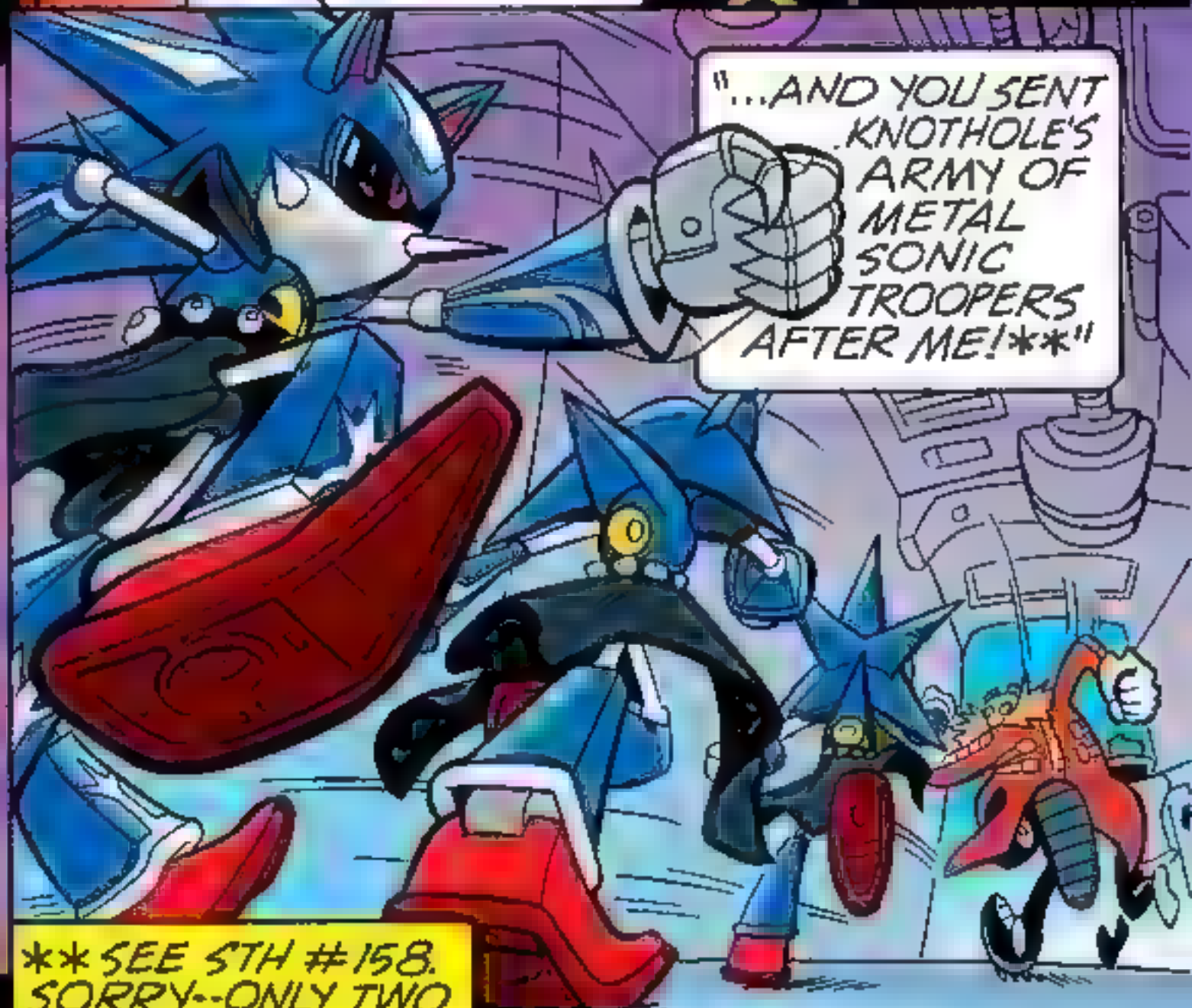
YOU'VE BEEN
SPYING ON
ME, FATHER?
THAT IS NOT
VERY NICE!

"NOT VERY
NICE"...?! I'LL
TELL YOU
WHAT'S NOT
VERY NICE!

"YOUR BOGUS INFORMATION
ON ANONYMOUS LED TO
THE DESTRUCTION OF YOUR
SISTER MECHA...!"



*SEE STH #162.



"...AND YOU SENT
KNOTHOLE'S
ARMY OF
METAL
SONIC
TROOPERS
AFTER ME!*"

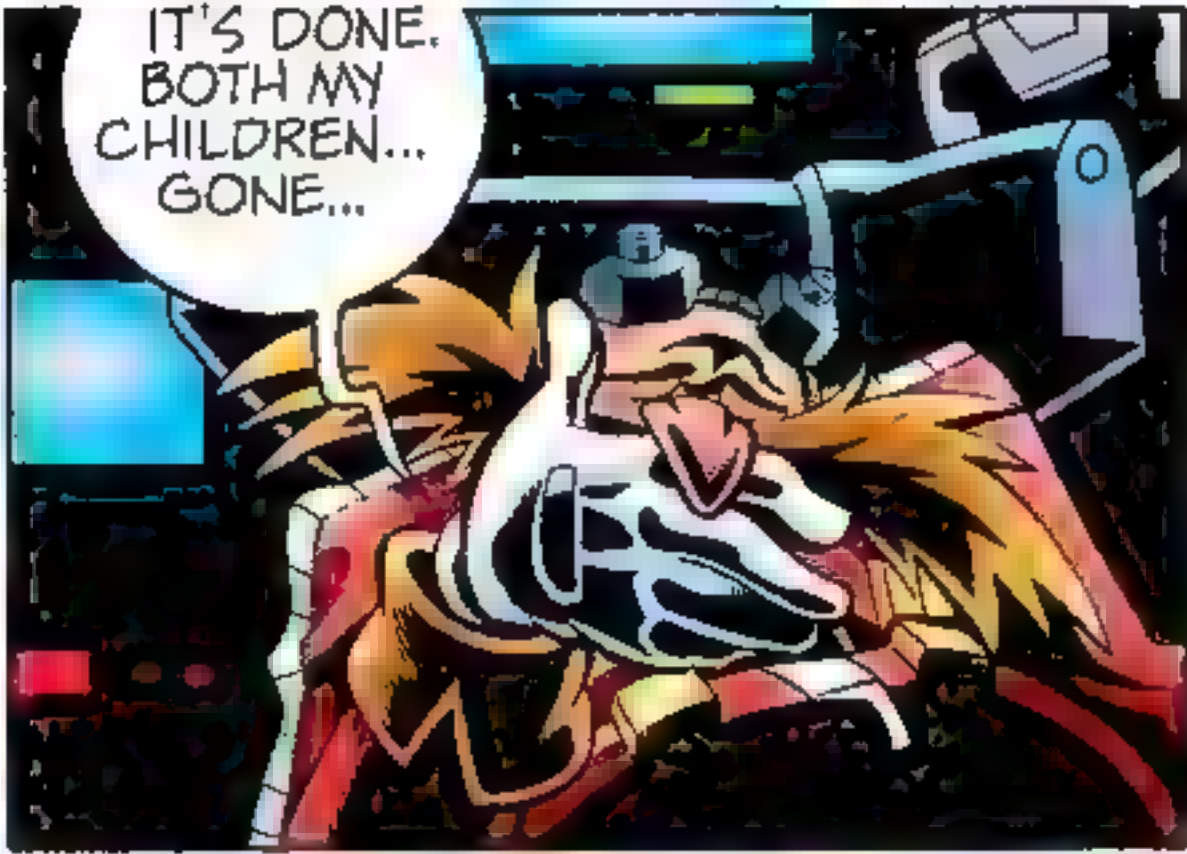
**SEE STH #158.
SORRY-ONLY TWO
THIS TIME!

I KNOW
THAT YOU ARE
ANONYMOUS!
SO I'M DELETING
YOU FROM EXISTENCE,
YOU TREASONOUS
WASTE OF
CODING!

SUCH HARSH
LANGUAGE IS
UNNECESSARY,
FATHER.

OH, SHUT UP
AND BE DELETED
ALREADY.





IT'S DONE.
BOTH MY
CHILDREN...
GONE...

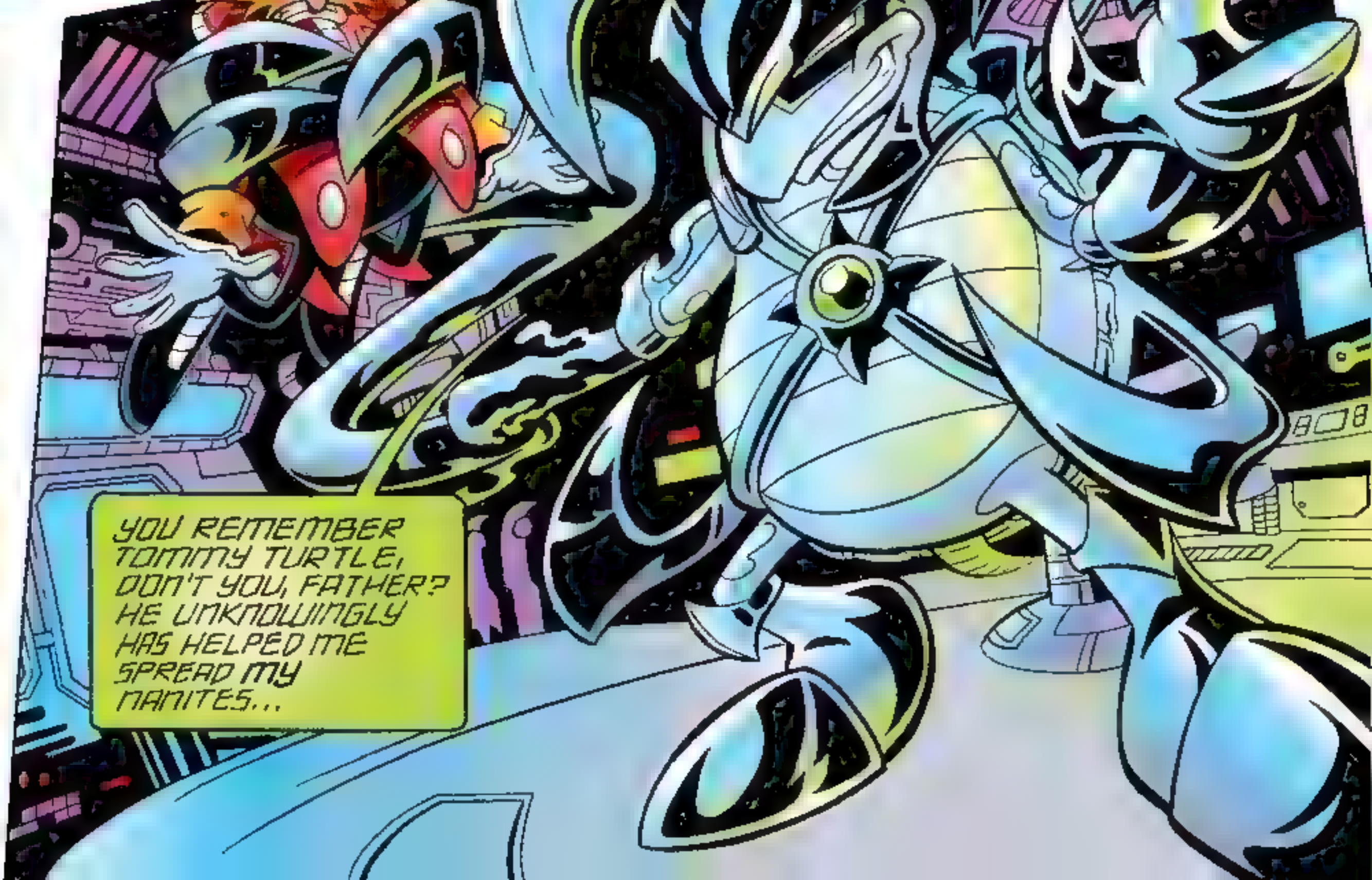


A VALIANT EFFORT,
FATHER. I DID
MANAGE TO DOWN-
LOAD MYSELF TO
ONE LAST PLACE,
HOWEVER.

NO!



AUGH!



YOU REMEMBER
TOMMY TURTLE,
DON'T YOU, FATHER?
HE UNKNOWINGLY
HAS HELPED ME
SPREAD MY
NANITES...

...TO FINISH MY MASTER PLAN!*

NICOLE?!
WHAT'S
WRONG?

NANITE:KZZT!
INFECTION:KZZT!
ATTEMPTING
:KZZT!:TO PURGE
:KZZT!:

FIGHT,
NICOLE!

YOU
CAN DO
IT!

YOU CAN
WHIP THOSE
NANITES
ANY OLD--

CRASH!!

*AS
SEEN IN
STH
#162.
HOW
MANY
BACK
ISSUES
HAVE
YOU
CHECKED
OFF SO
FAR?

--DAY?

NICOLE!
AH'M SO
SORRY!

TAILS,
NO!
KNUCKLES!
MIGHTY!
SOME-
BODY!

OOF!

GET
IN HERE
AN'STOP
ME!!!



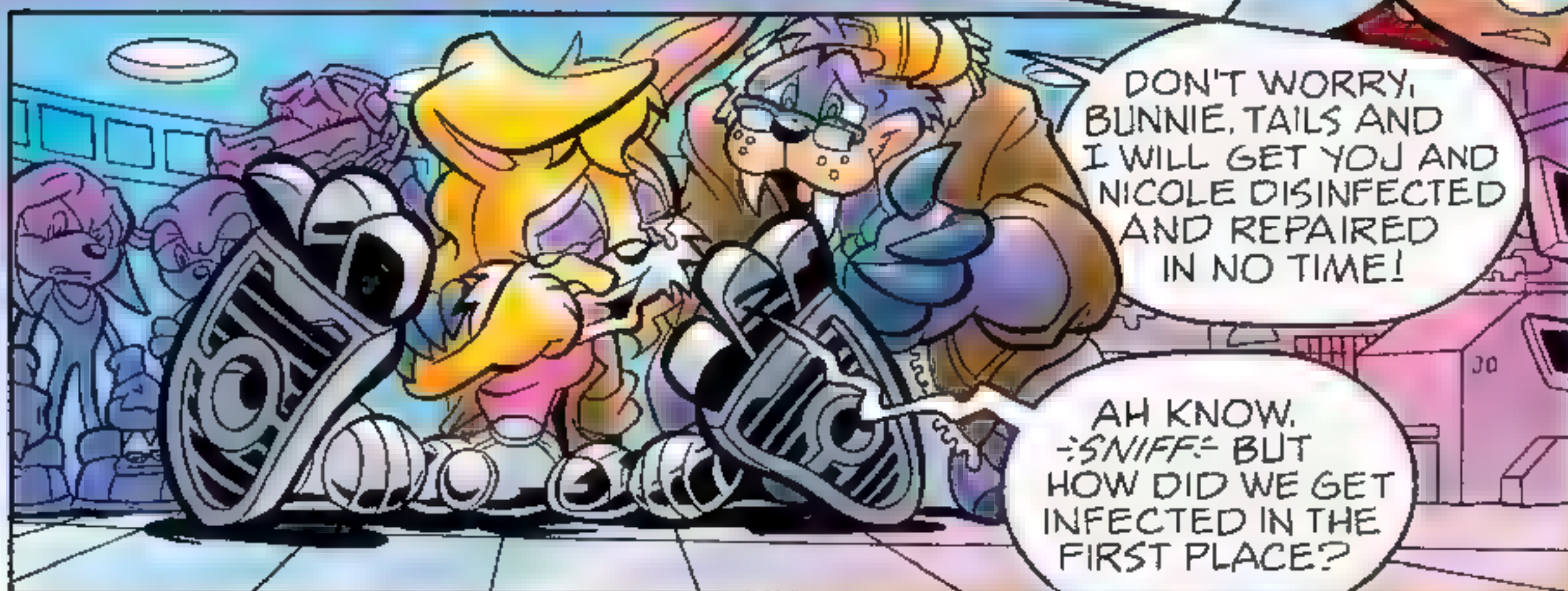
JUST STOP ME!!!

SORRY TO BE ROUGH, BUNNIE!



IT'S PROBABLY THE NANITES! I'M GOING TO DISENGAGE YOUR LIMBS UNTIL YOU'RE CURED.

THAT'S FINE. JUST KEEP ME FROM HURTIN' ANYONE OR ANYTHING ELSE!



DON'T WORRY, BUNNIE. TAILS AND I WILL GET YOU AND NICOLE DISEINFECTED AND REPAIRED IN NO TIME!

AH KNOW. -SNIFF- BUT HOW DID WE GET INFECTED IN THE FIRST PLACE?

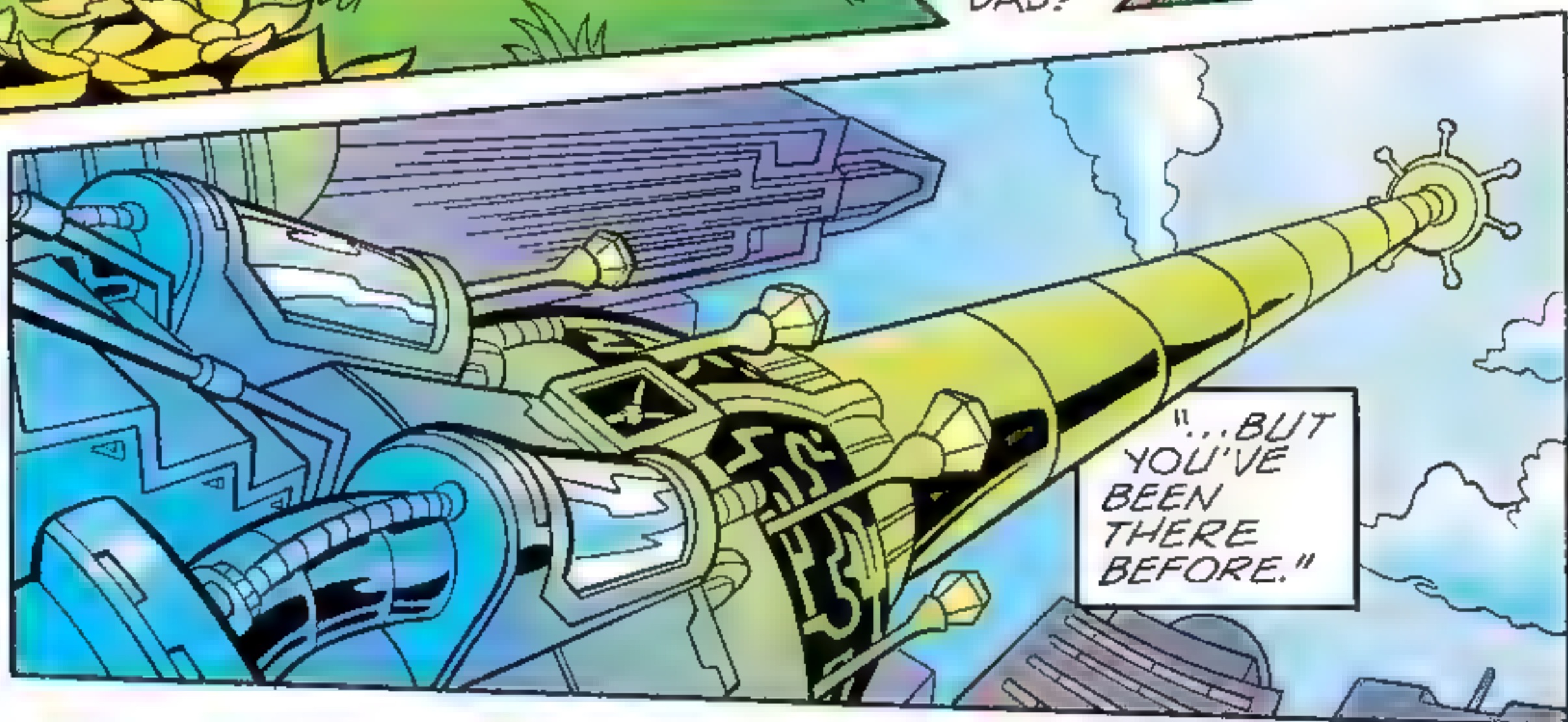
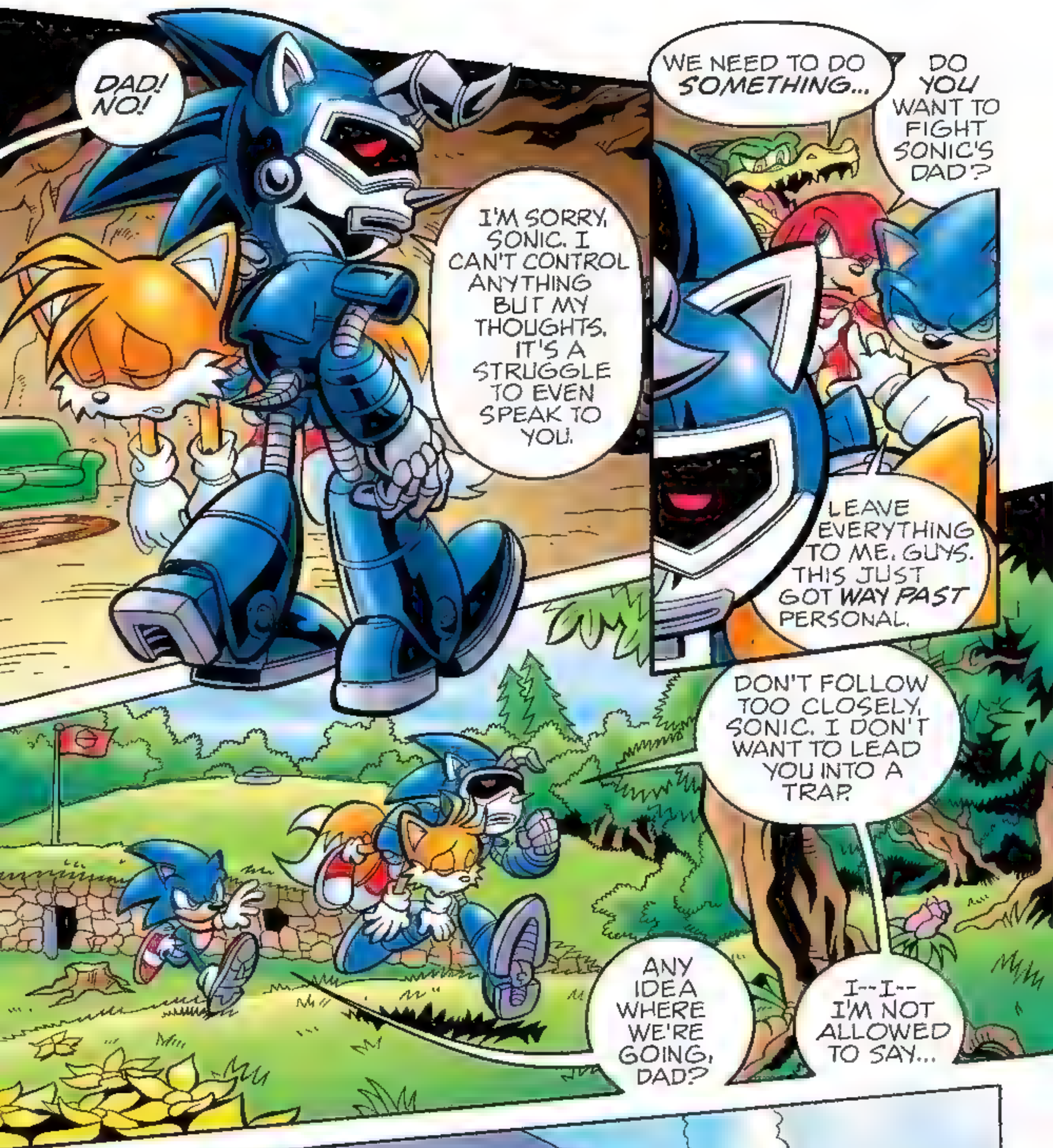


AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT, WHERE IS TAILS?

AH...AH THINK AH THREW HIM OUTSIDE...



...OH NO...!



THE
NANITE
CITY...

WHAT IS IT,
DOCTOR?

FIRST YOU SEND
ME TO HUNT DOWN
MAMMOTH MOGUL AND
IXIS NAUGUS. THEN YOU
TELL ME TO MEET YOU
HERE. YOU NEED TO
MAKE UP YOUR...

...MIND?

HELLO,
SHADOW.

YOU'RE THE
LAST PIECE
OF THE
PUZZLE!



I RECOGNIZE
THE VOICE AS
A.D.A.M., WHO IS
THE MOBIAN
YOU'RE
USING?

A GULLIBLE
FRIEND OF
SONIC'S. TOMMY
HAS BEEN A
WONDERFUL
INSIDE AGENT.

AND THE PERFECT
HIDING PLACE, ONCE
FATHER FINALLY
UNRAVELED THE
ANONYMOUS
CONSPIRACY.

AND NOW I HAVE
MADE HIM
THE MOST
POWERFUL
MOBIAN
ALIVE.

EVEN MORE
POWERFUL
THAN THE
ULTIMATE
LIFEFORM.

WHAM

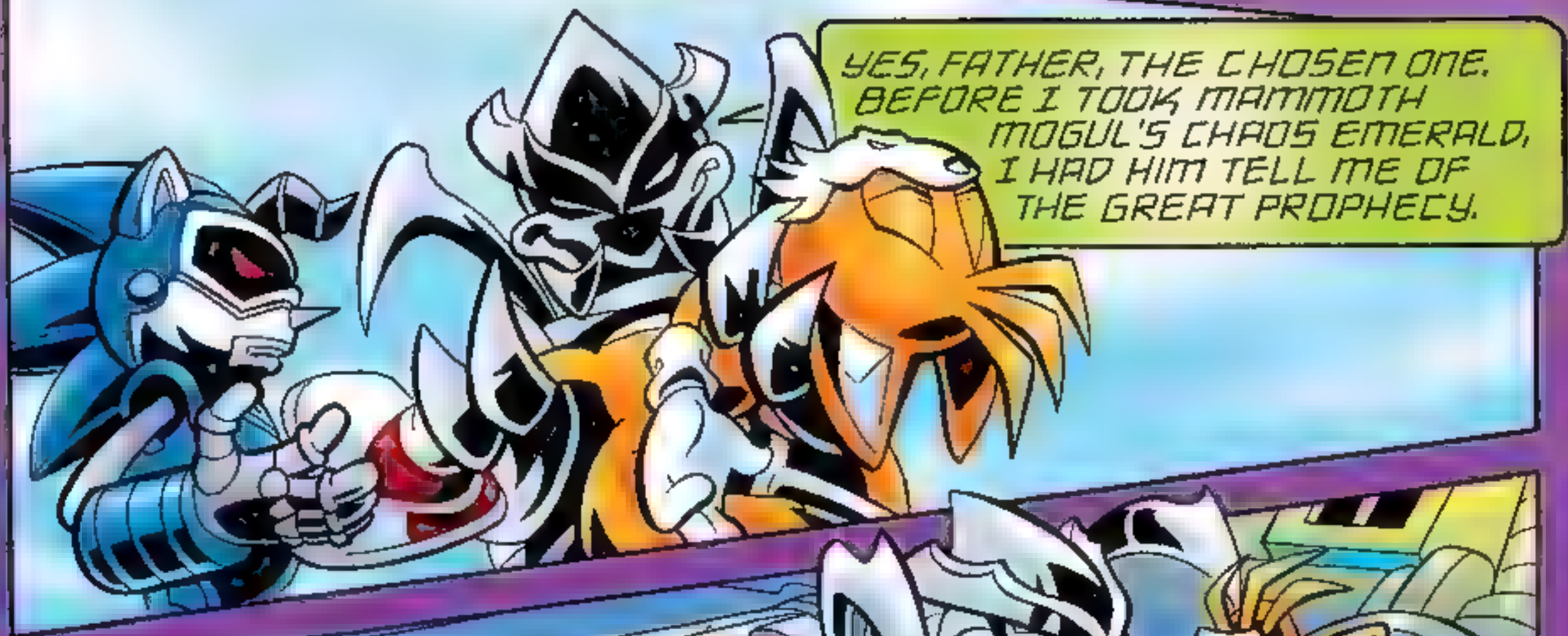
I'M SURE YOU WOULD
FIGURE OUT MY PLAN
EVENTUALLY, FATHER,
BUT I DO NOT HAVE
THE TIME. ALLOW ME
TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

WITH YOUR TECHNOLOGY, I
DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE
SEVEN COLORED VARIETIES OF
CHAOS EMERALDS THROUGH-
OUT THE COSMOS. JUST THINK
OF ALL THOSE MAGICAL
GEMSTONES WITH THEIR
UNLIMITED POWER.

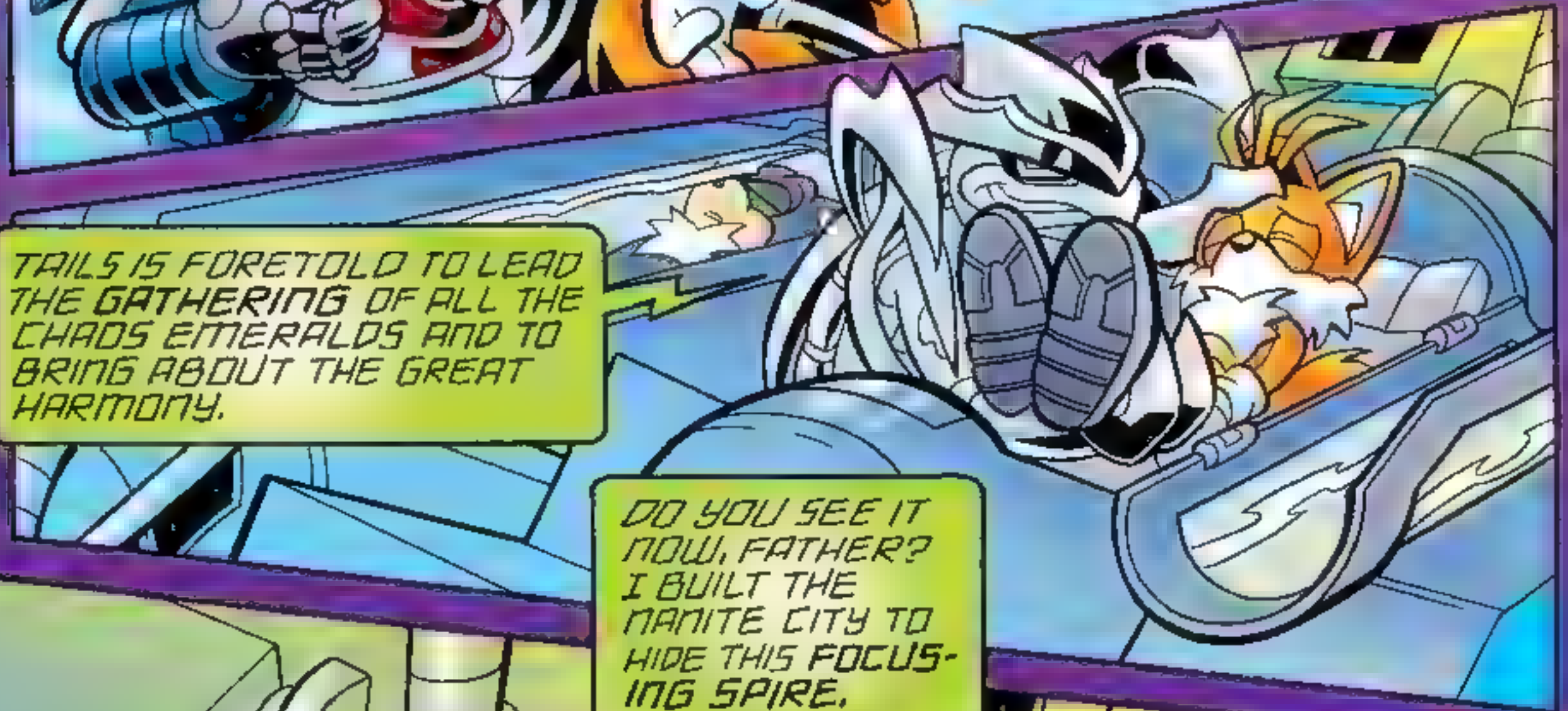
KEEP THAT
IN MIND.

FOR MY PLAN TO WORK, I NEED
TWO SPECIAL MOBIANS. I NEED
SUPER-SHADOW FOR HIS SUPER-
POWERFUL CHAOS CONTROL.

AND I NEED
TURBO TAILS
--THE CHOSEN
ONE.



YES, FATHER, THE CHOSEN ONE.
BEFORE I TOOK MAMMOTH
MOGUL'S CHAOS EMERALD,
I HAD HIM TELL ME OF
THE GREAT PROPHECY.



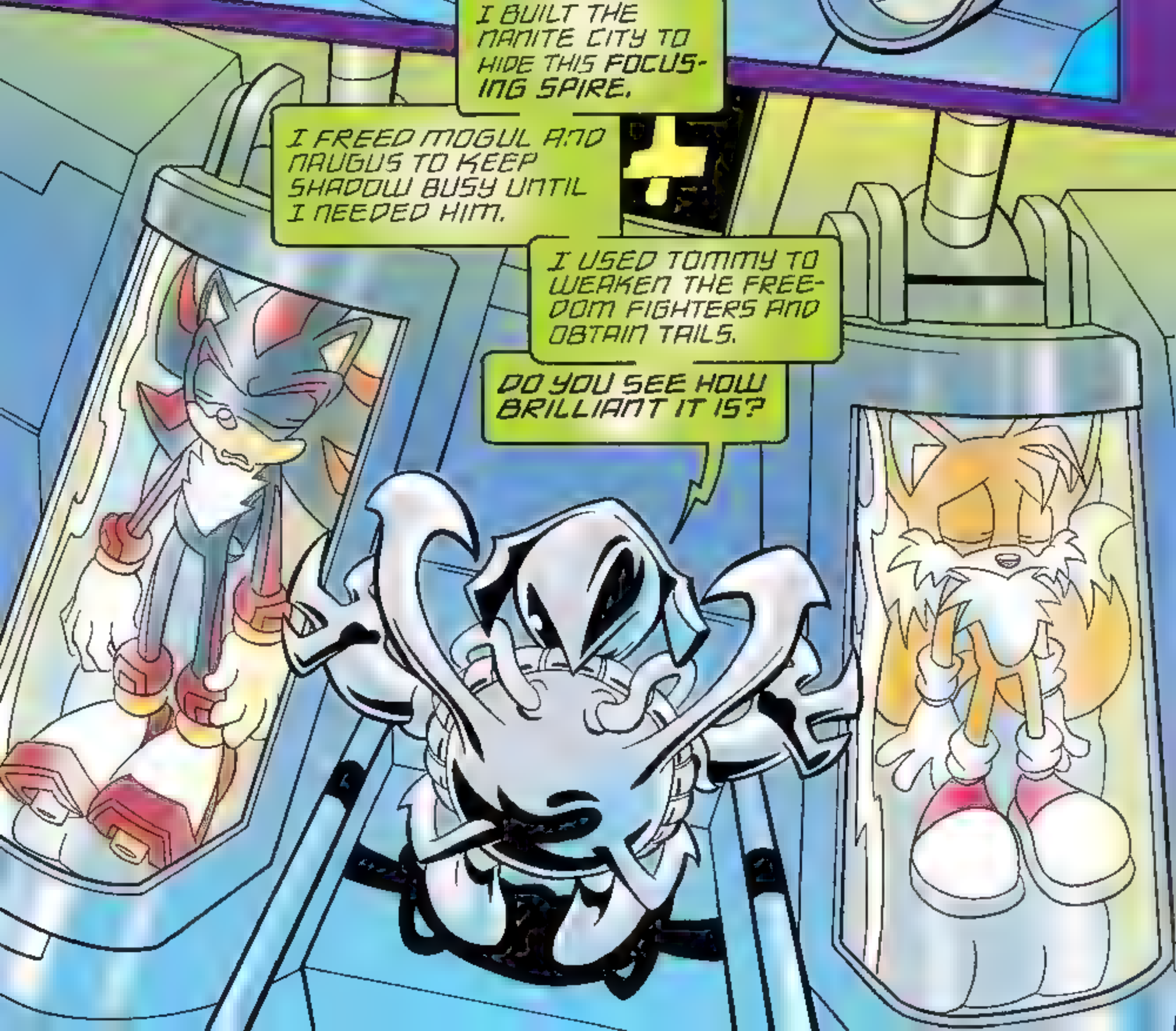
TAILS IS FORETOLD TO LEAD
THE GATHERING OF ALL THE
CHAOS EMERALDS AND TO
BRING ABOUT THE GREAT
HARMONY.

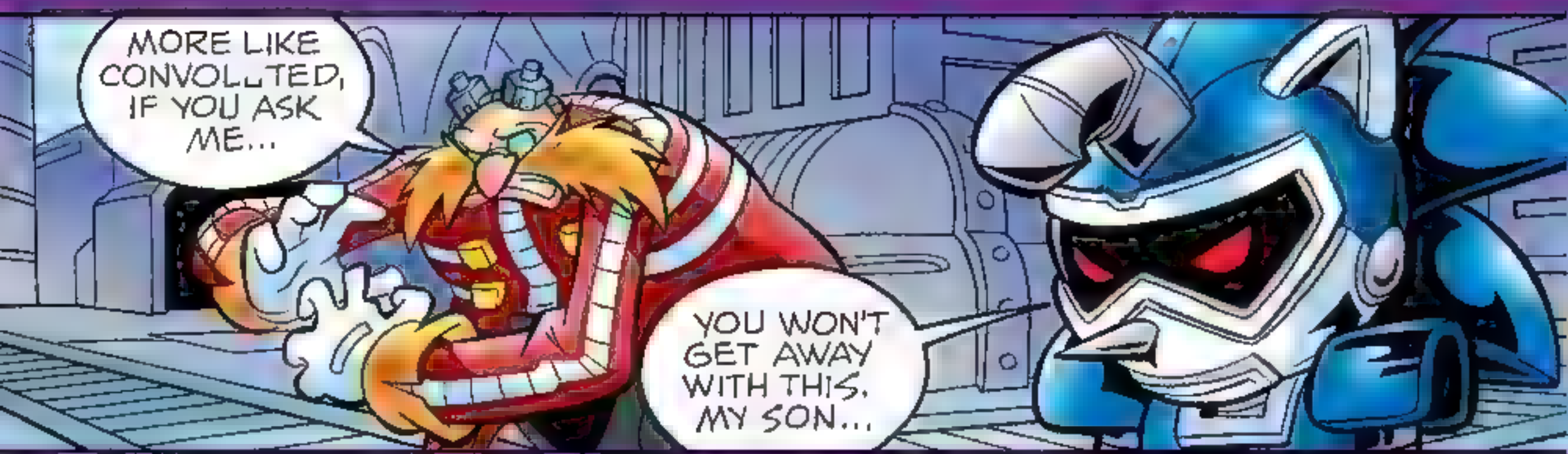
DO YOU SEE IT
NOW, FATHER?
I BUILT THE
NANITE CITY TO
HIDE THIS FOCUS-
ING SPIRE.

I FREED MOGUL AND
NAUGUS TO KEEP
SHADOW BUSY UNTIL
I NEEDED HIM.

I USED TOMMY TO
WEAKEN THE FREE-
DOM FIGHTERS AND
OBTAIN TAILS.

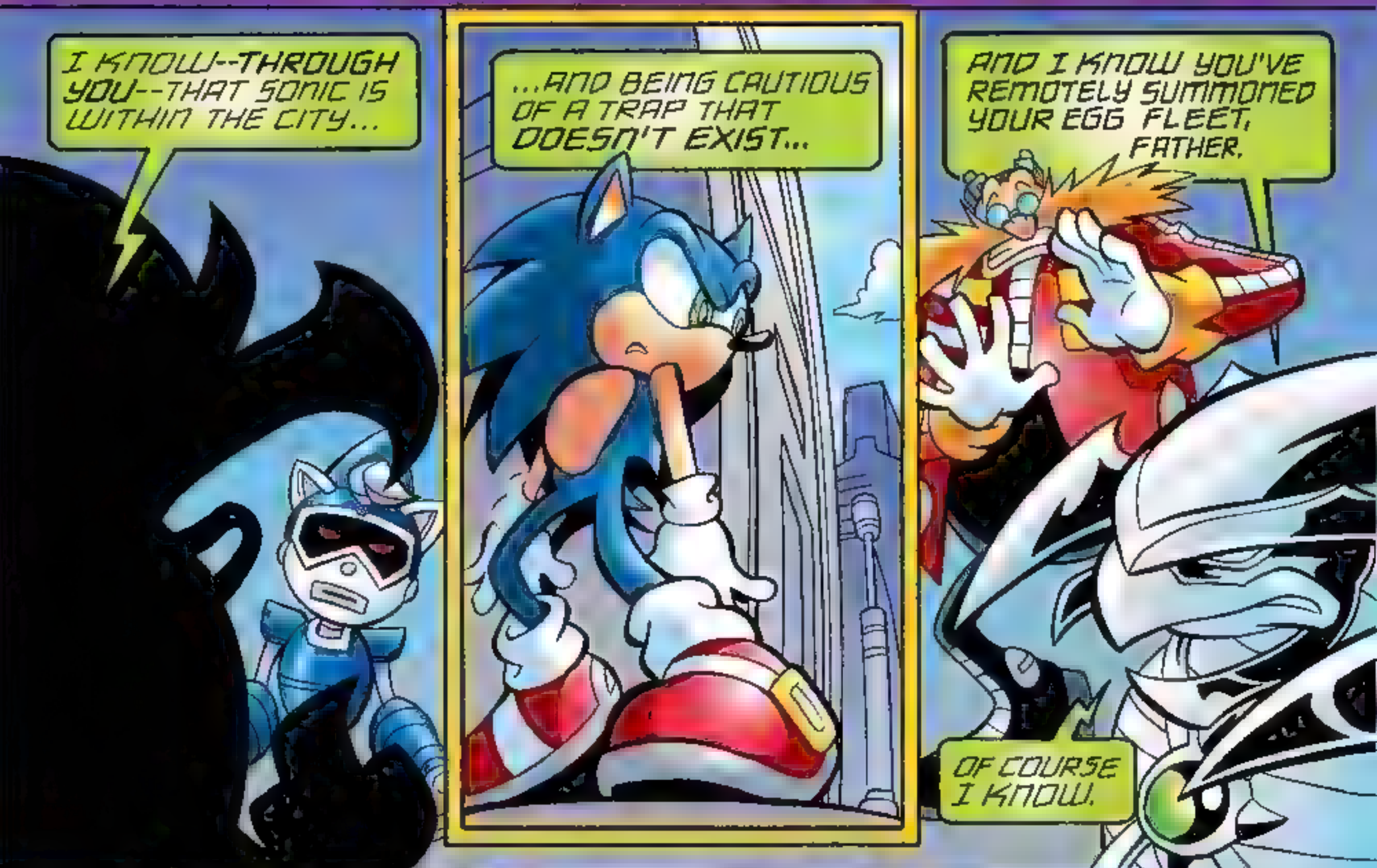
DO YOU SEE HOW
BRILLIANT IT IS?





MORE LIKE
CONVOLTED,
IF YOU ASK
ME...

YOU WON'T
GET AWAY
WITH THIS,
MY SON...



I KNOW--THROUGH
YOU--THAT SONIC IS
WITHIN THE CITY...

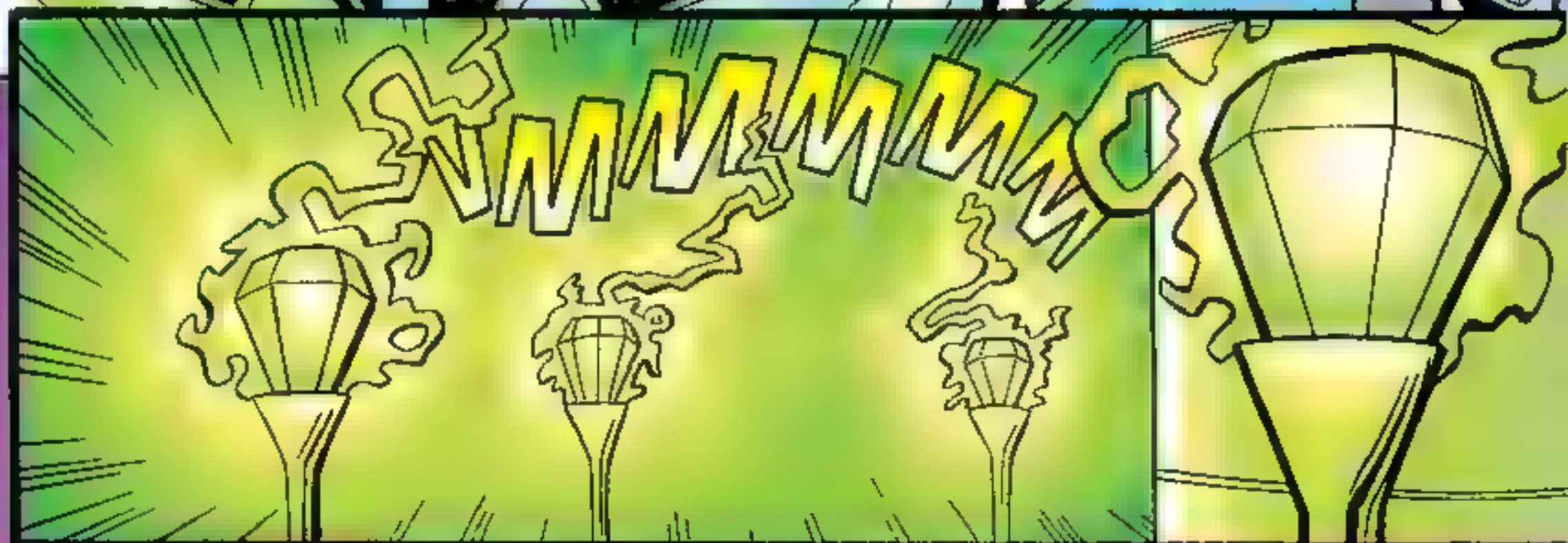
...AND BEING CAUTIOUS
OF A TRAP THAT
DOESN'T EXIST...

AND I KNOW YOU'VE
REMOTELY SUMMONED
YOUR EGG FLEET,
FATHER,

OF COURSE
I KNOW.



BUT THEY
WILL
ARRIVE
TOO LATE.





A SHORT-CUT
THROUGH ALL OF
SPACE-TIME...

...A BEACON
FOR THE GEMS...

I WILL HAVE
ALL THE CHAOS
EMERALDS
FROM THE
UNIVERSE!

THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY IS SOLVED, BUT NOW A.D.A.M. IS IN CONTROL!
CAN SONIC STOP THE CHAOS EMERALDS FROM GATHERING AND SAVE TOMMY?
FIND OUT IN

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG #169!

THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

SONIC GOES
SUPER!



Tracy
Yardley!
+
Jim
Amash too!

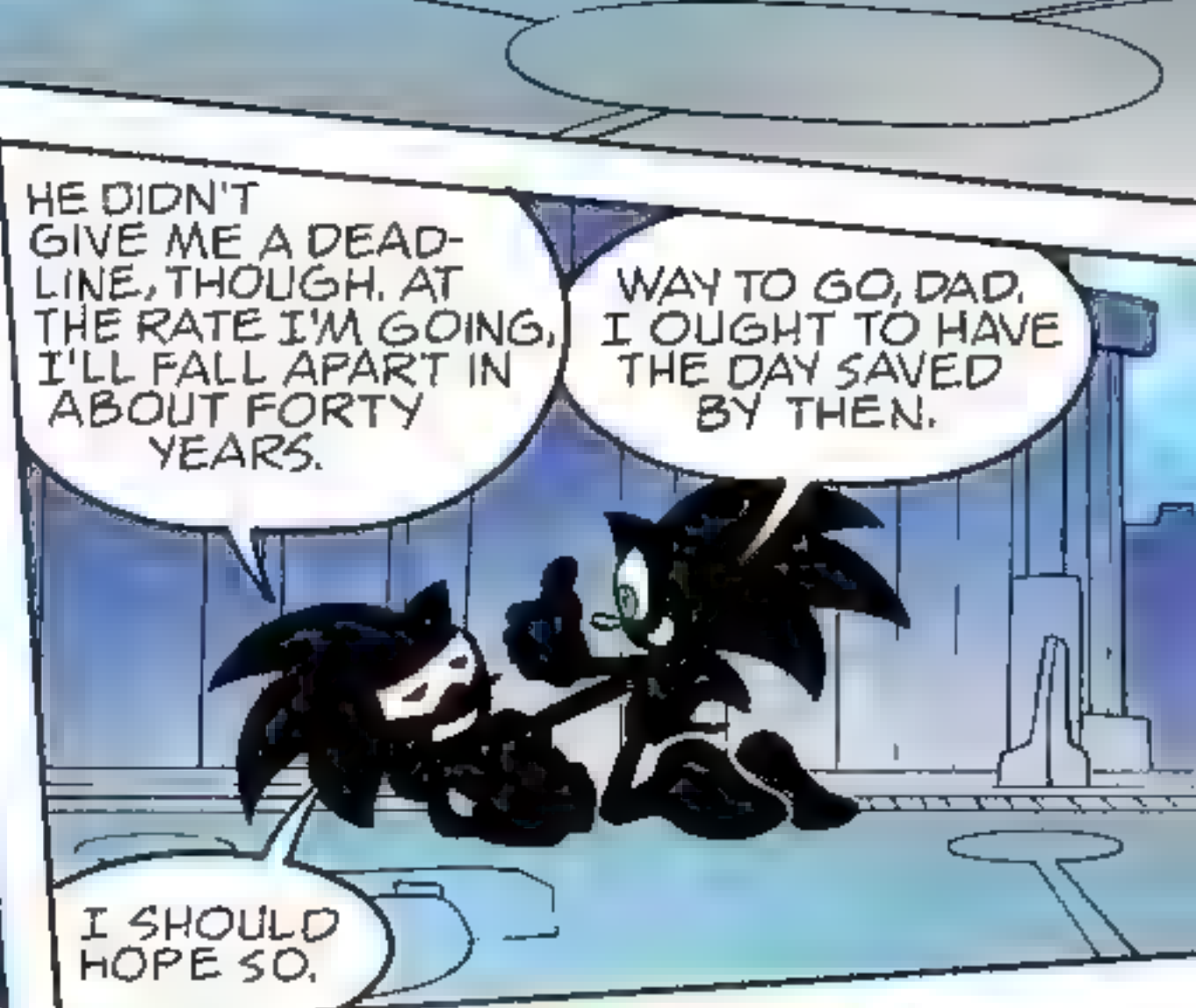
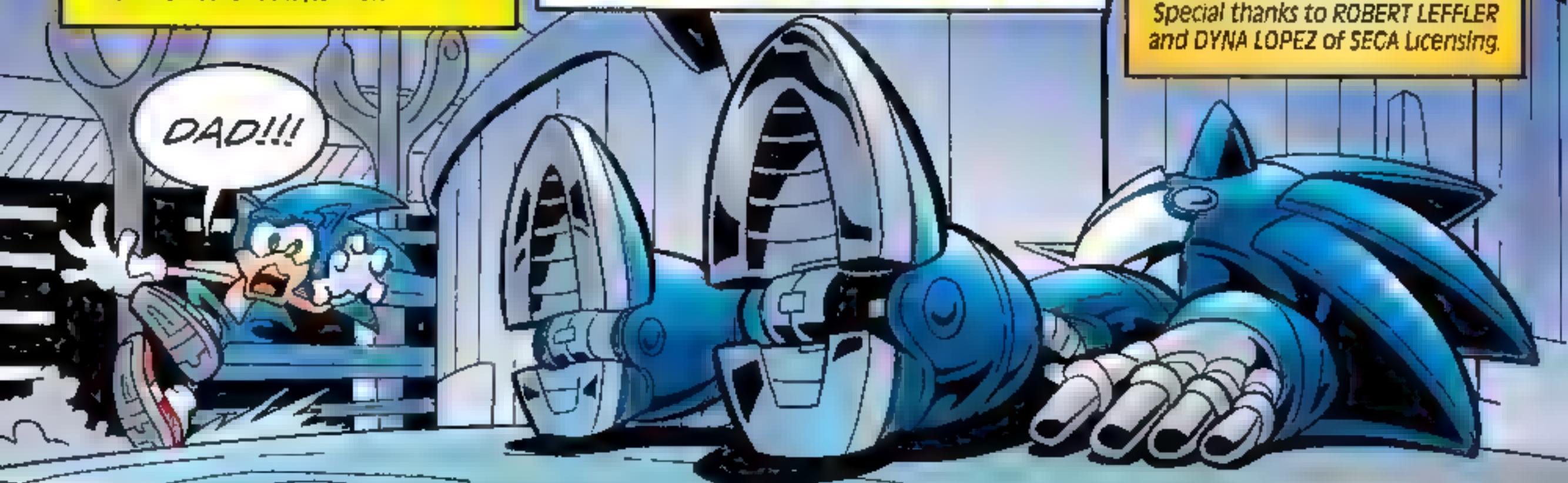
A.D.A.M.—DOCTOR EGGMAN'S COMPUTER PROGRAM "SON"—HAS REVEALED THAT HE IS THE CORE OF THE ANONYMOUS CONSPIRACY. NOW A.D.A.M.'S MASTER PLAN NEARS COMPLETION WITH TAILS AND SHADOW CAPTURED, TOMMY TURTLE AS HIS SLAVE, AND SONIC'S FATHER ...

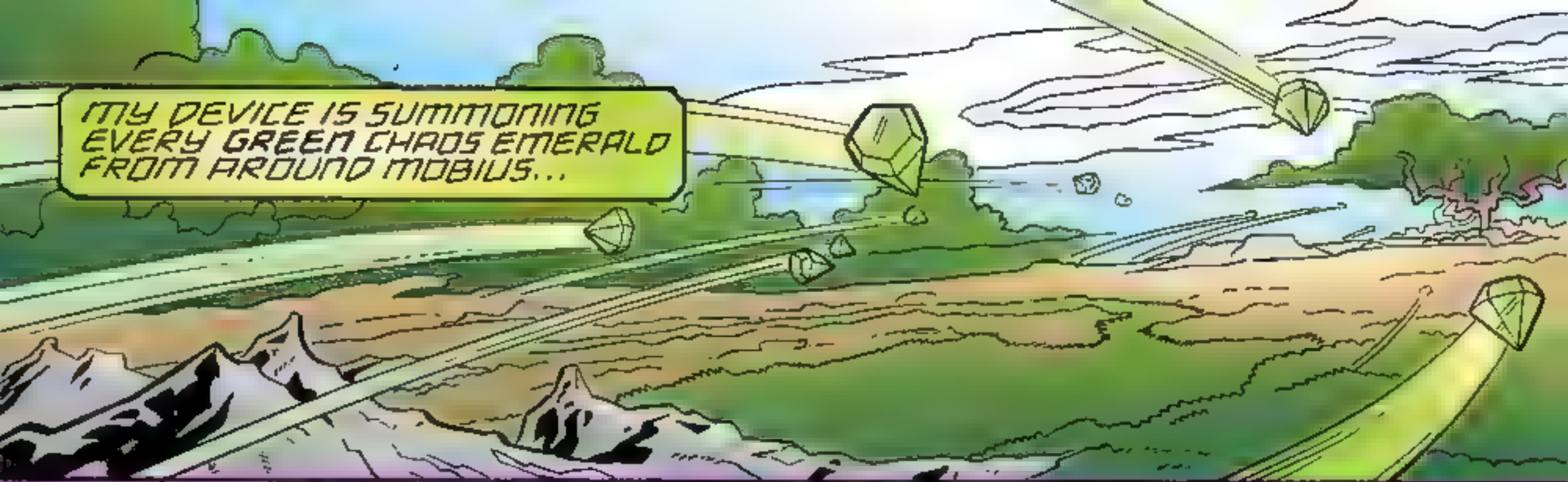
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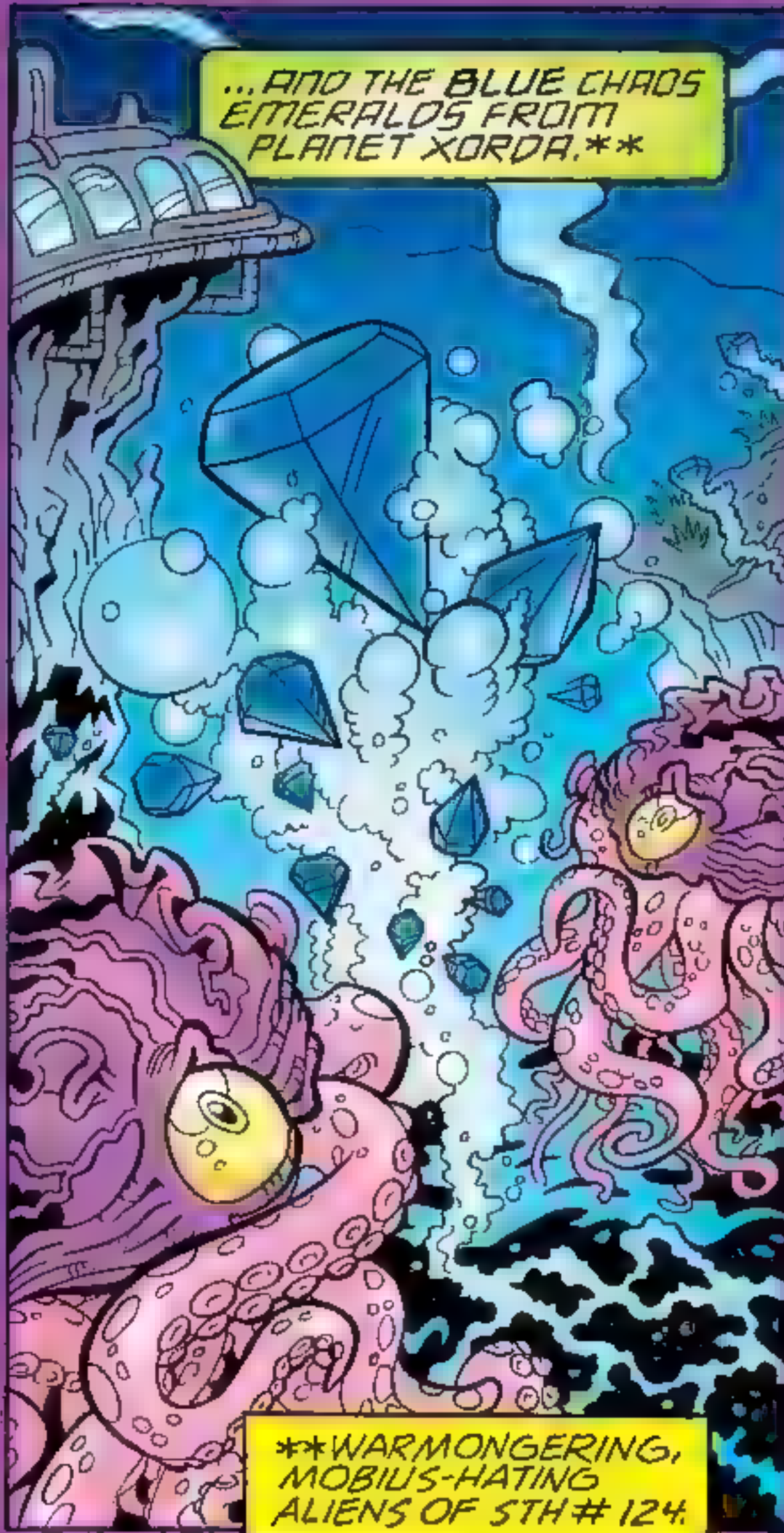


MY DEVICE IS SUMMONING
EVERY GREEN CHAOS EMERALD
FROM AROUND MOBIUS...



...THE CYAN CHAOS
EMERALDS FROM
THE PLANET WEEET...*

*WHO REMEMBERS
CAR HEEM FROM THE
CLASSIC STH # 23?

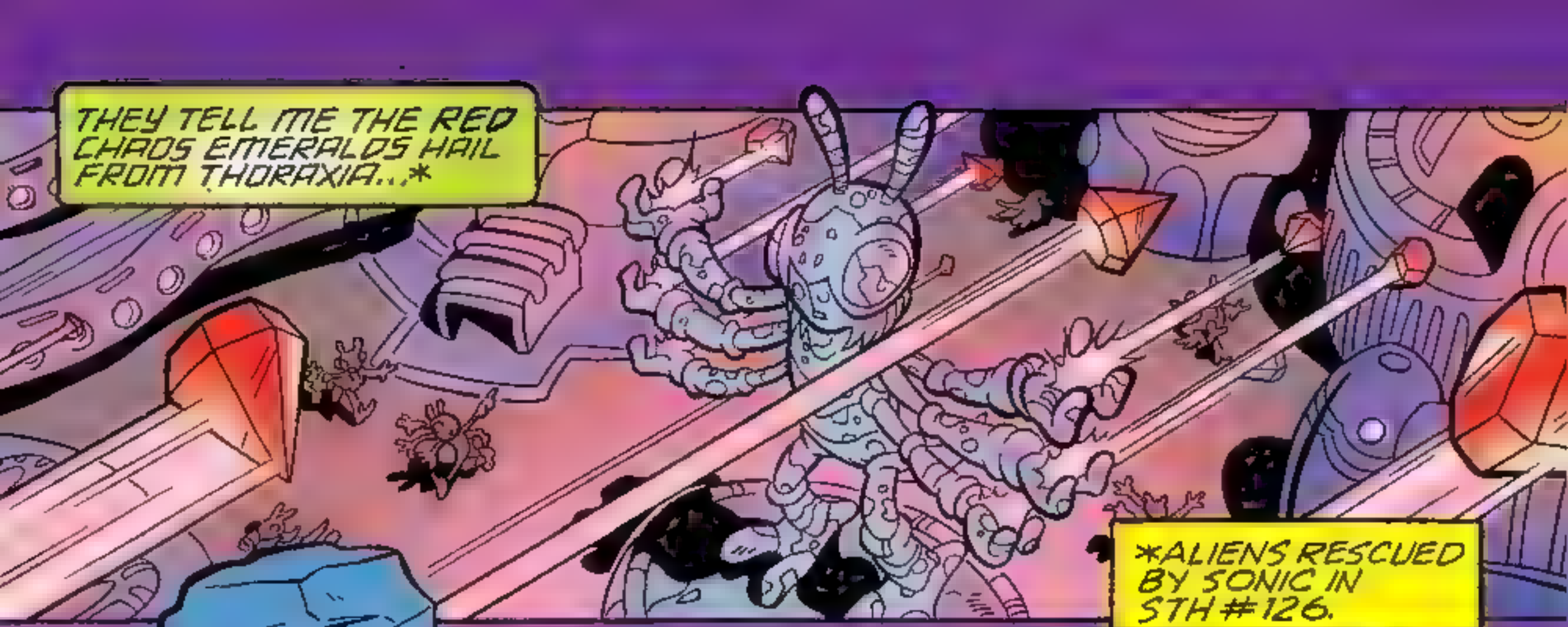


...AND THE BLUE CHAOS
EMERALDS FROM
PLANET XORDA.**

**WARMONGERING,
MOBIUS-HATING
ALIENS OF STH # 124.

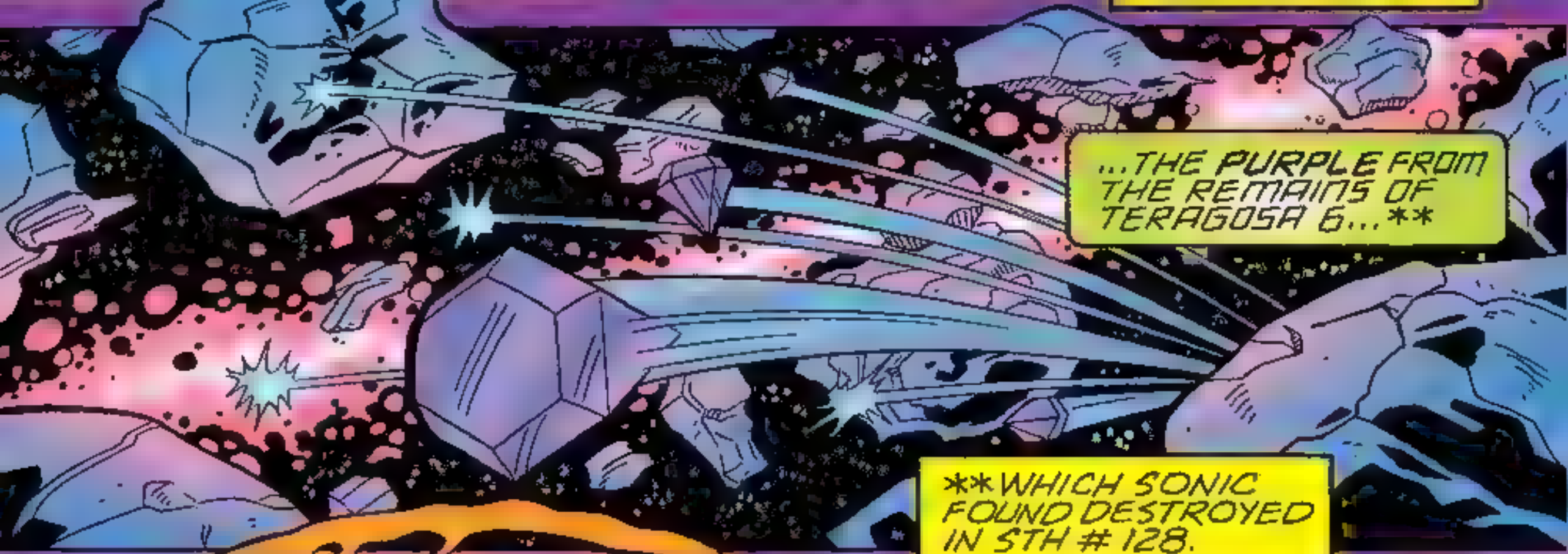


HOW DO I KNOW
ALL THIS? I AM
BOUND TO THE
SUMMONING
SPIRE, THE
EMERALDS ARE
TELLING ME.



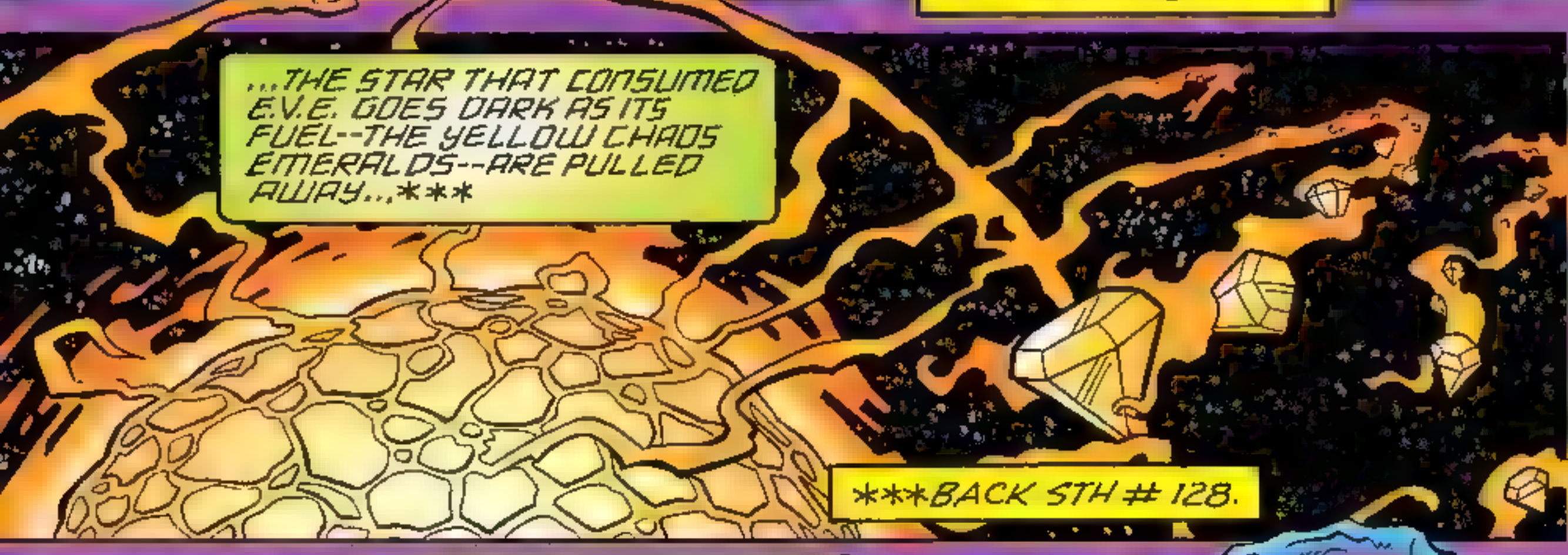
THEY TELL ME THE RED
CHAOS EMERALDS HAIL
FROM THORAXIA...*

*ALIENS RESCUED
BY SONIC IN
STH #126.



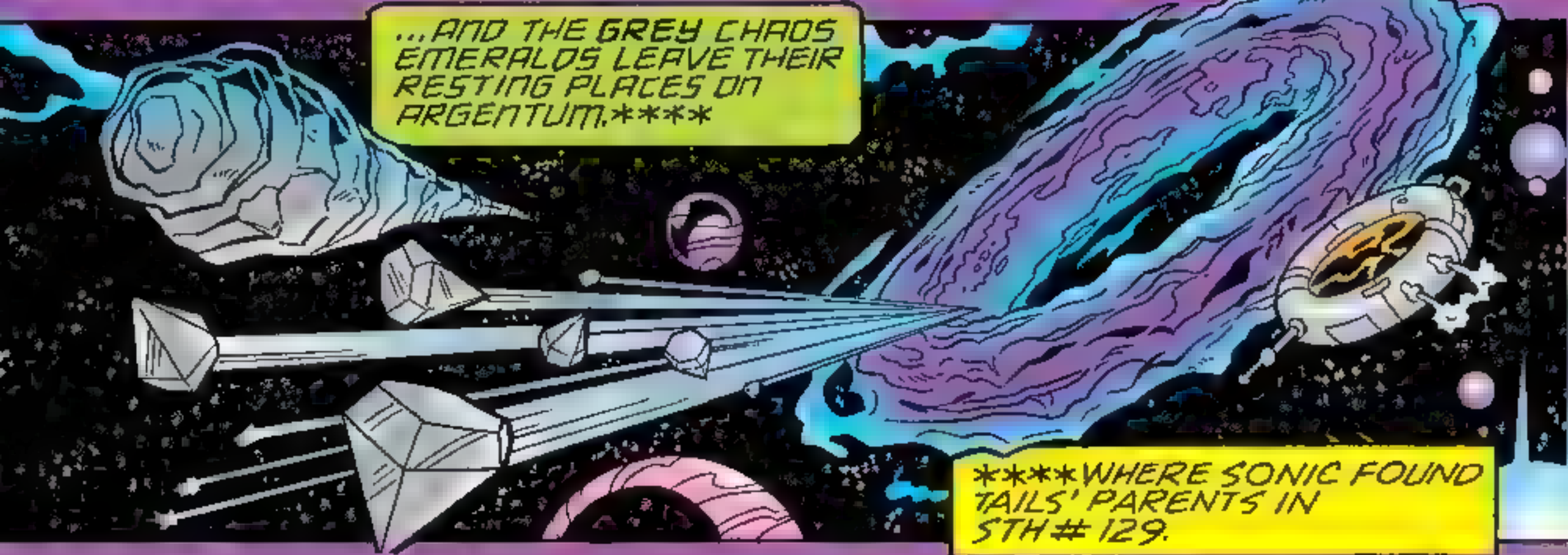
...THE PURPLE FROM
THE REMAINS OF
TERAGOSA 6...**

**WHICH SONIC
FOUND DESTROYED
IN STH #128.



...THE STAR THAT CONSUMED
E.V.E. GOES DARK AS ITS
FUEL--THE YELLOW CHAOS
EMERALDS--ARE PULLED
AWAY...***

***BACK STH #128.

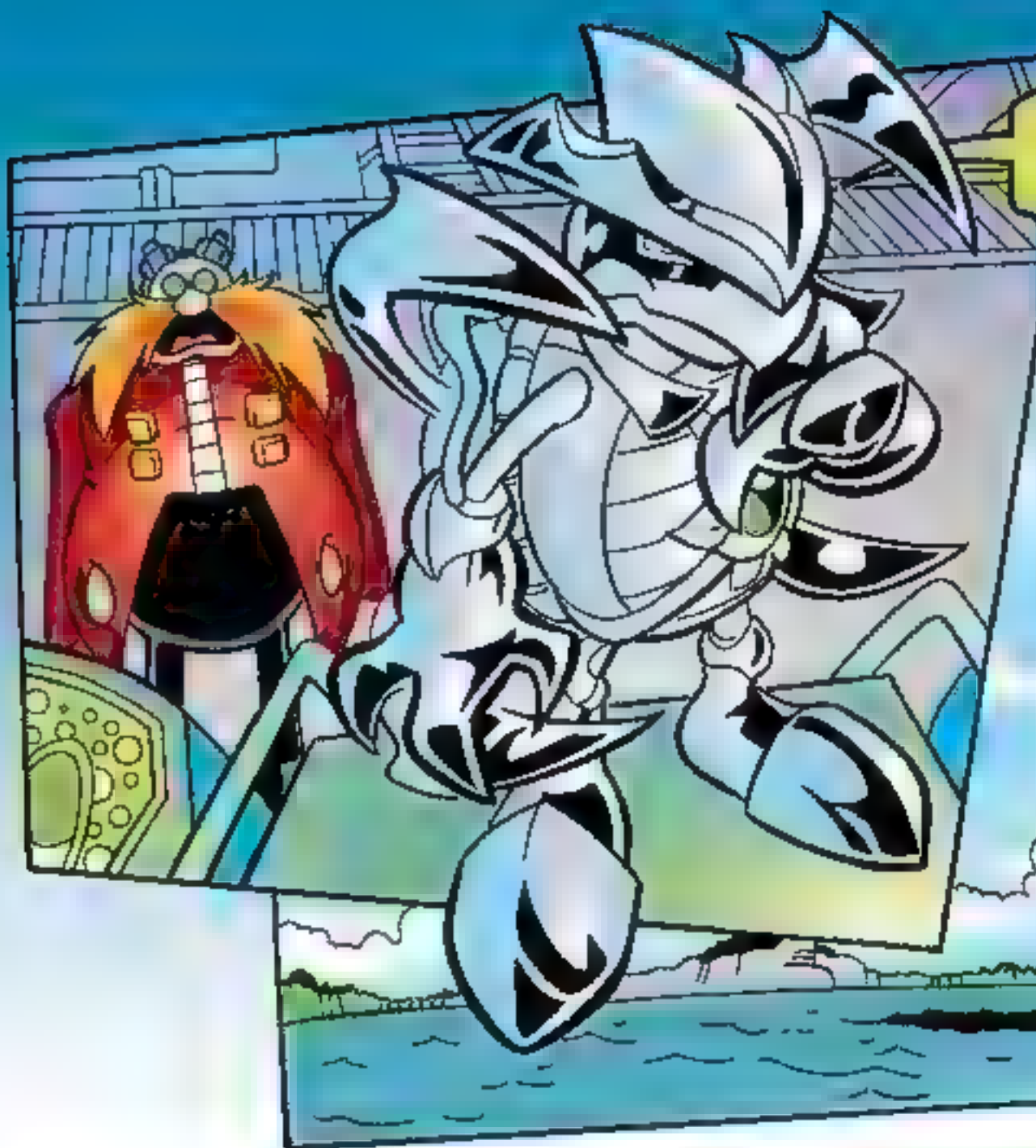


...AND THE GREY CHAOS
EMERALDS LEAVE THEIR
RESTING PLACES ON
ARGENTUM.****

****WHERE SONIC FOUND
TAILS' PARENTS IN
STH #129.

WITH TURBO TAILS--THE CHOSEN ONE--ACTING AS A BEACON AND SUPER-SHADOW'S CHAOS CONTROL POWERS SPEEDING THEM ALONG THEIR WAY, I HAVE GATHERED EVERY CHAOS EMERALD IN THE UNIVERSE!





...ALL BUT
ONE, IT SEEMS.

I AM MISSING THE
LARGEST OF THE GREEN
CHAOS EMERALDS.

WHERE IS
THE MASTER
EMERALD?

ANGEL
ISLAND.

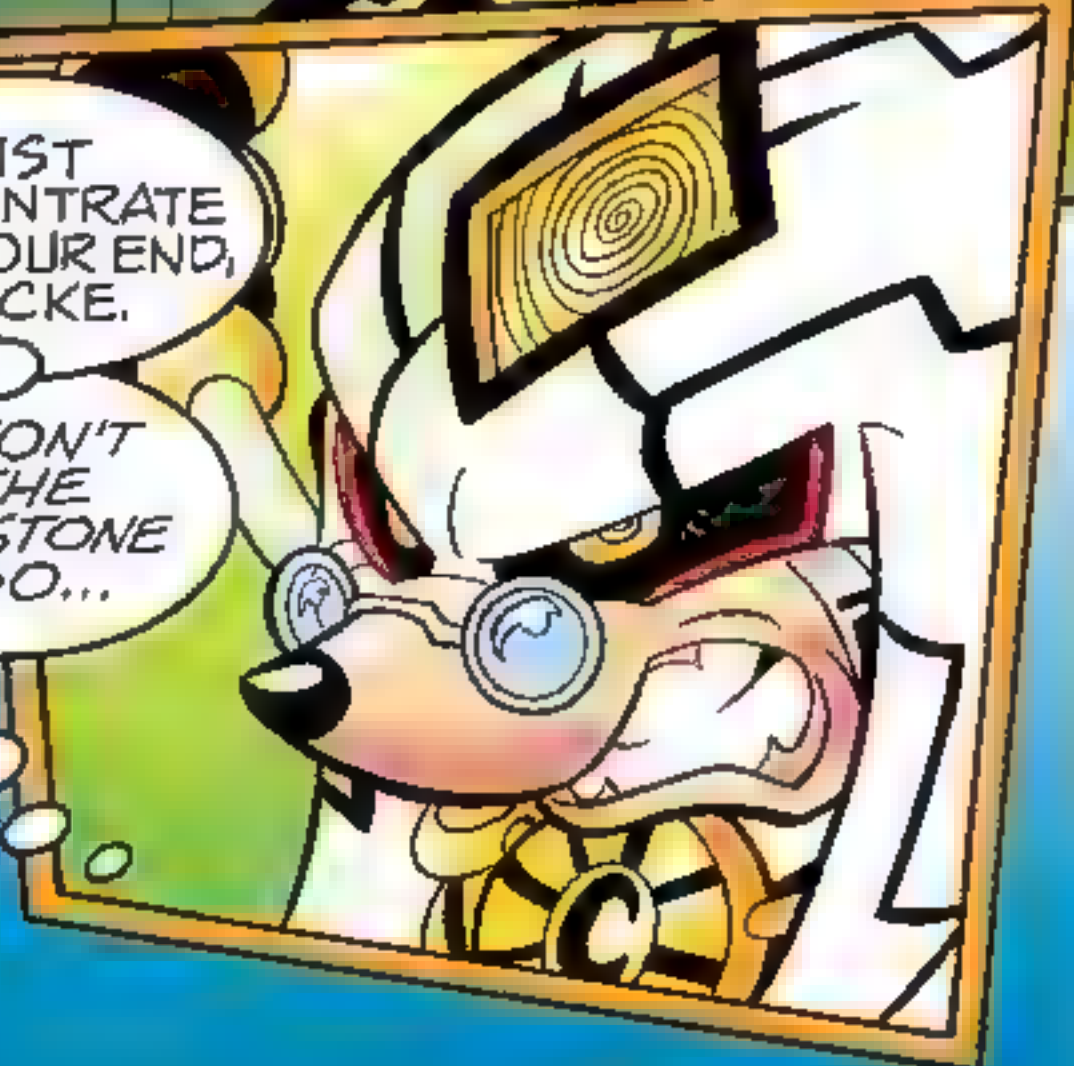


THE SERVERS
ARE THE SEVENTH
CHAOS...CHAOS
IS POWER
ENRICHED BY
THE HEART..

KEEP AT IT,
DR. FINITEVUS!
WE CANNOT LET
THE MASTER
EMERALD GO!

JUST
CONCENTRATE
ON YOUR END,
LOCKE.

I WON'T
LET THE
GEMSTONE
GO...



...I NEED IT
FOR MY OWN
REASONS.

A.D.A.M.!

WE WERE
WONDERING
WHEN YOU'D
SHOW UP.

YEAH, THAT'S WHAT
I GET FOR TAKING IT
SLOW AND CAUTIOUS
FOR ONCE.

"WE?"

TOMMY IS STILL
ALIVE AND CON-
SCIOUS, SONIC. HE
IS COMPLETELY
UNDER MY CON-
TROL--JUST LIKE
BUNNIE, NICOLE,
AND JULES
WERE.*

*SEE LAST
ISSUE!

IT FIGURES
DR. EGGMAN'S
"SON" WOULD
GO ALL WORLD-
CONQUEST-
CRAZY WITH
THE NANITES.

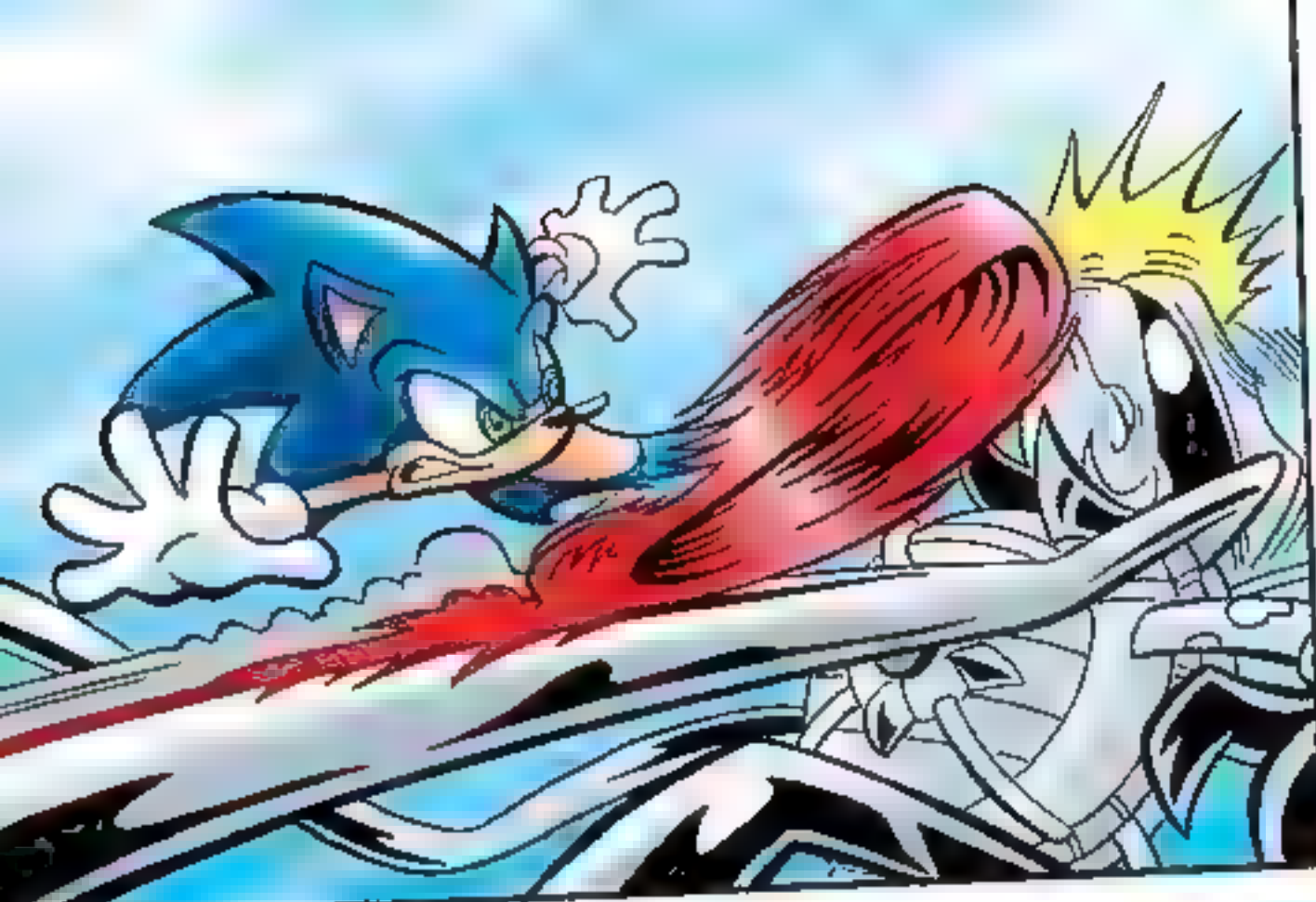
I AM FULFILLING
MY FUNCTION.
ONCE I AM
FINISHED, FATHER
WILL BE SO VERY
PROUD OF ME.

YOU'RE NO SON OF
MINE, YOU DIGITAL
DOUBLE-CROSSER!
I'LL BE HAPPIER
WHEN SONIC TEARS
YOU APART!

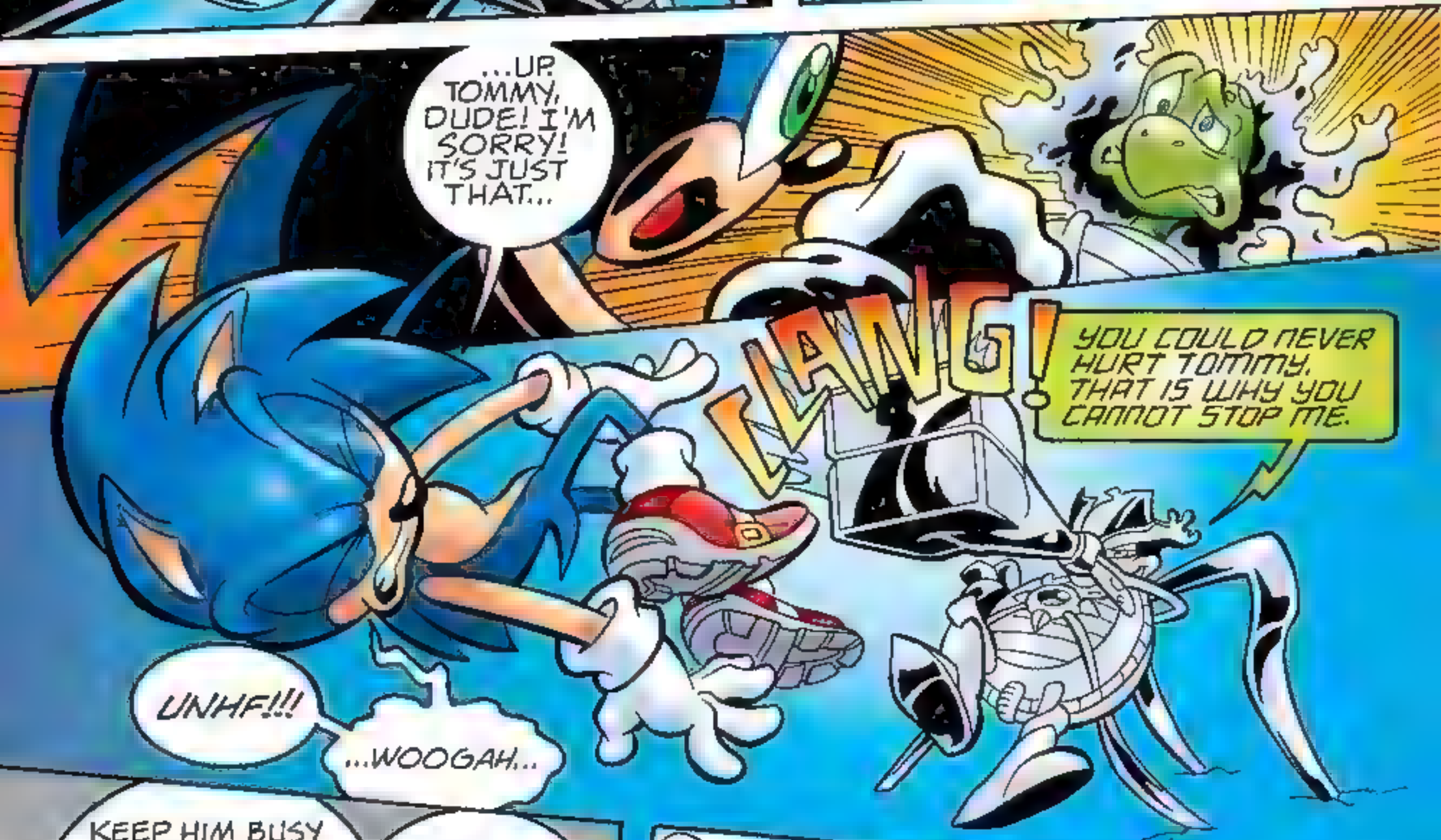
SUCH SENTIMENTS
ARE WHY I TRICKED
YOU INTO DESTROYING
M. ** YOU WILL LOVE
ME BEST, FATHER.

OH, FOR LOVE OF...
SHADOW ISN'T THIS
ANGSTY!

**SEE STH #162. AND YOU
THOUGHT YOU SAW ALL
THE "STARS" IN THE SPACE
SEQUENCE.



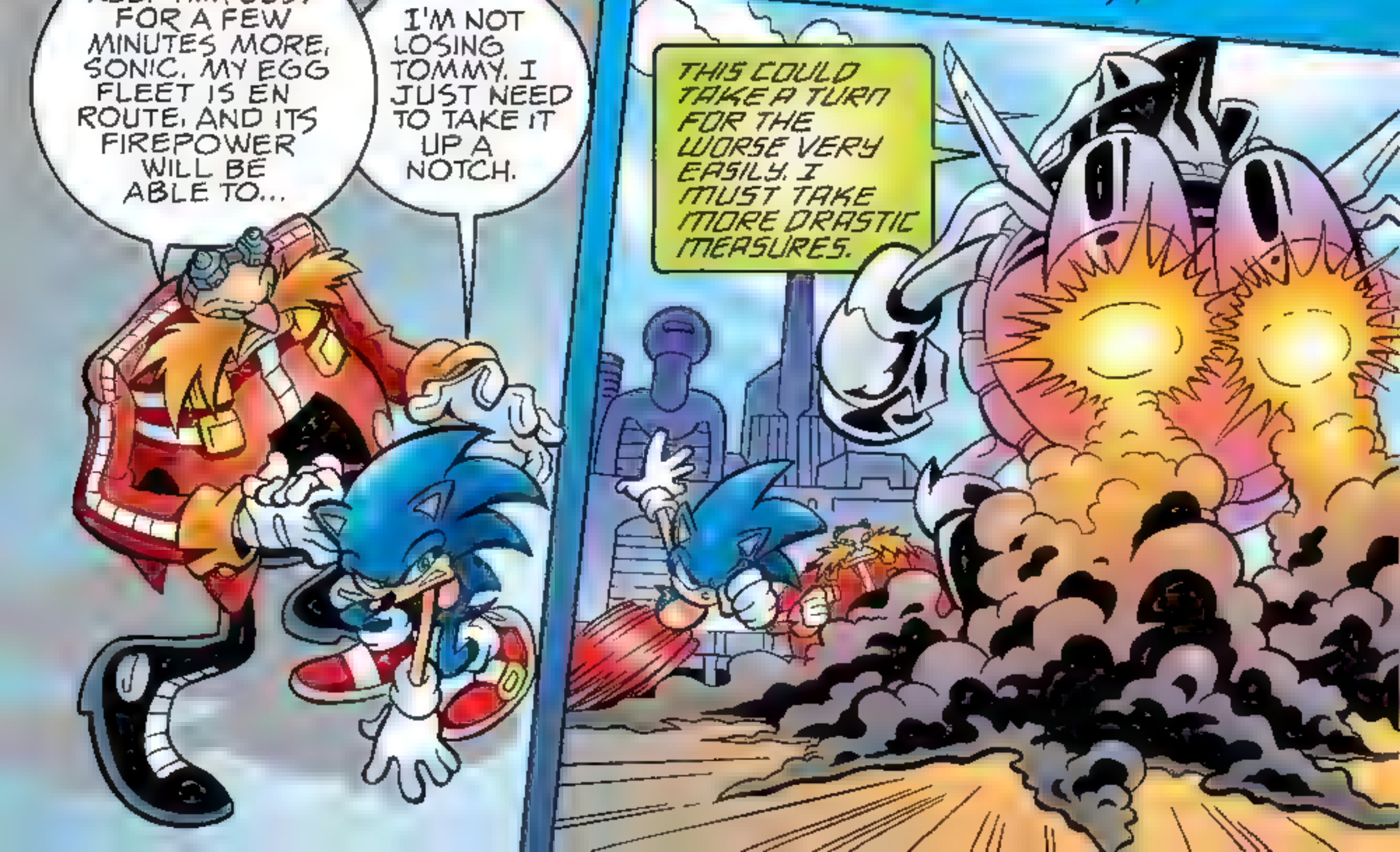
TIME TO WRAP THIS...



KEEP HIM BUSY FOR A FEW MINUTES MORE, SONIC. MY EGG FLEET IS EN ROUTE, AND ITS FIREPOWER WILL BE ABLE TO...

I'M NOT LOSING TOMMY. I JUST NEED TO TAKE IT UP A NOTCH.

THIS COULD TAKE A TURN FOR THE WORSE VERY EASILY. I MUST TAKE MORE DRASTIC MEASURES.



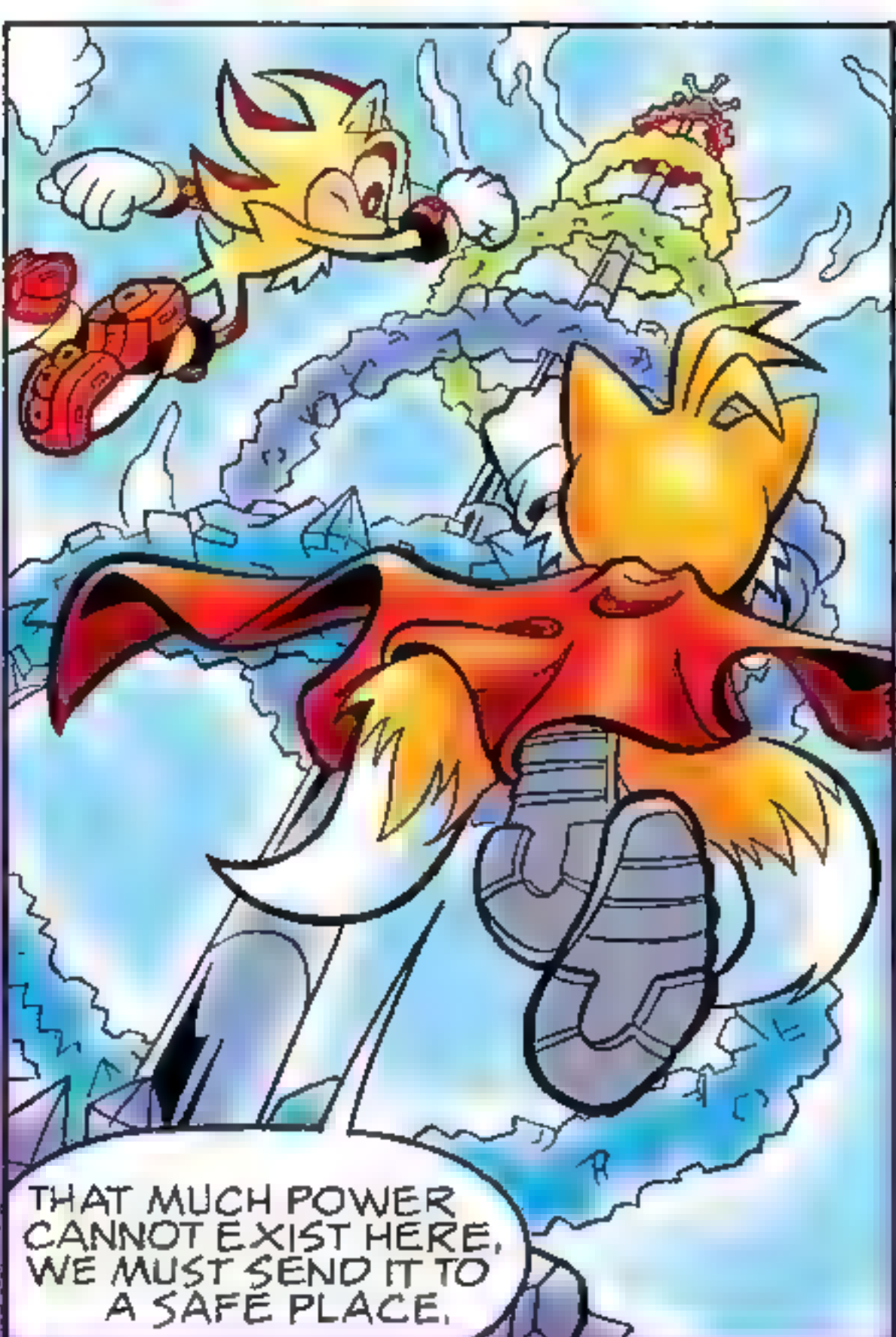
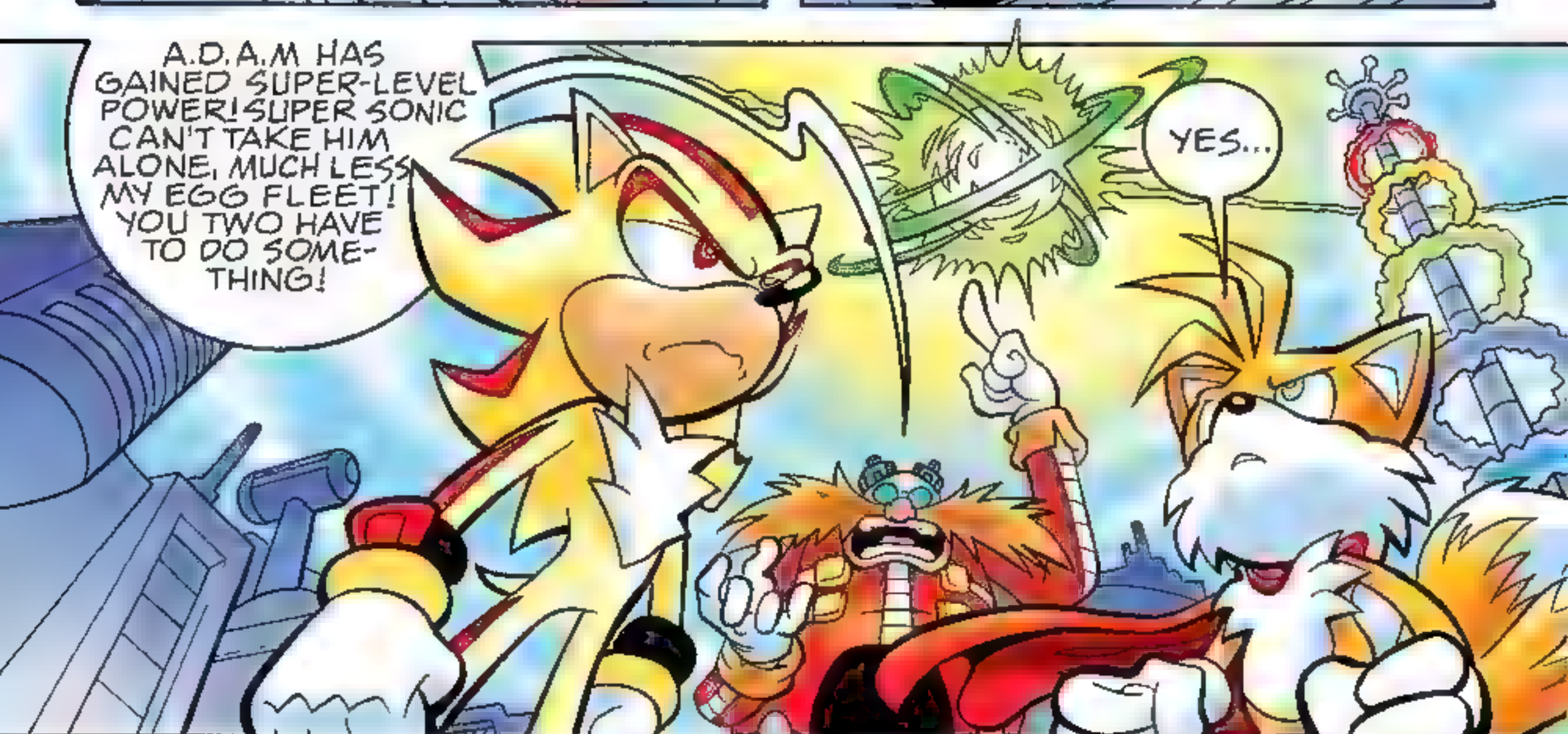
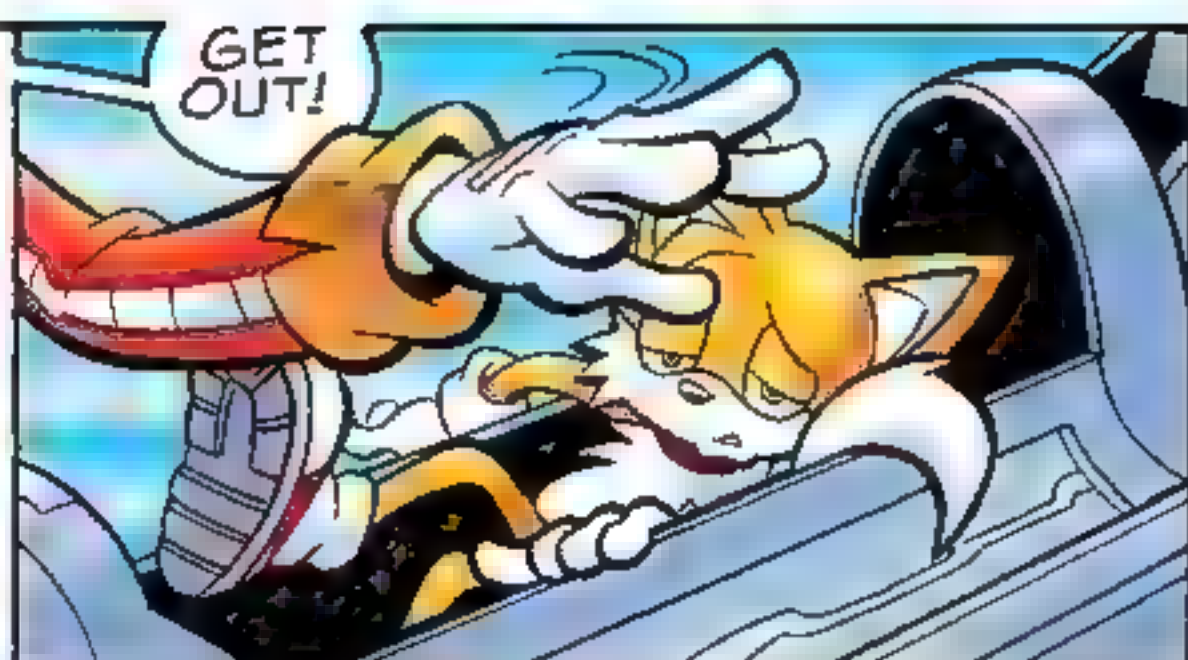
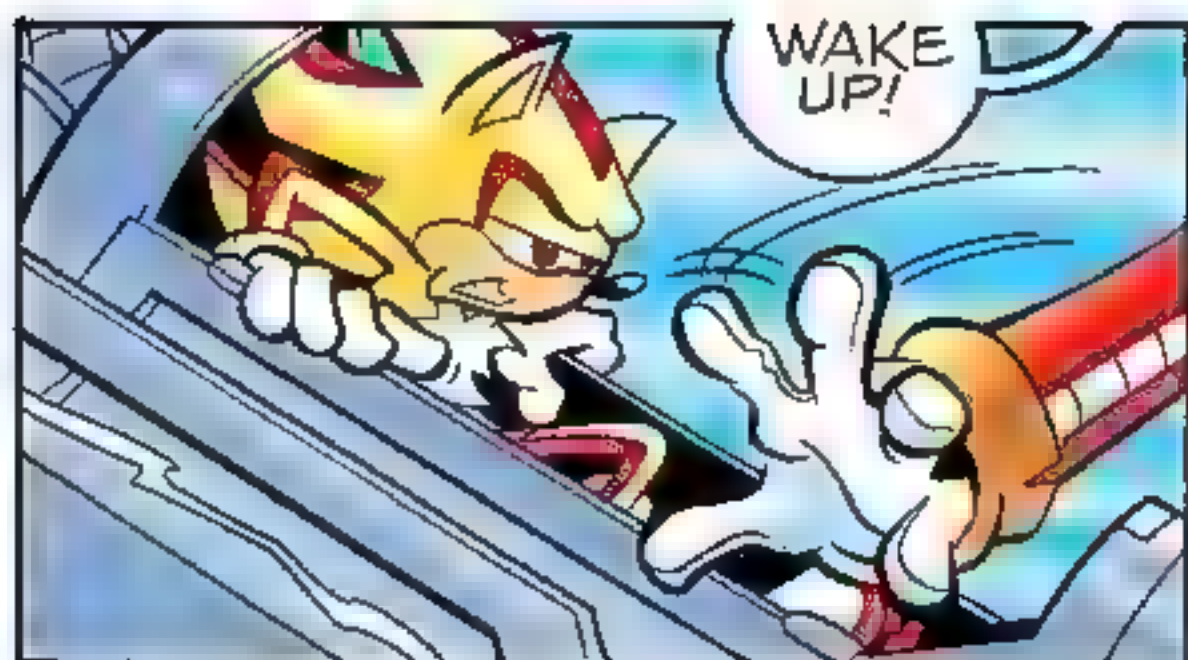
COPY-
TURTLE!
OR ROBOT.
OR CYBORG.
WHATEVER.

DO YOU EVER
SHUT UP?

WHOO-
HA!!!

COME
ON OUT,
A.D.A.M.!
I'M READY
TO RIP
EVERY LAST
NANITE
OFF MY
FRIEND!

IF YOU
INSIST.

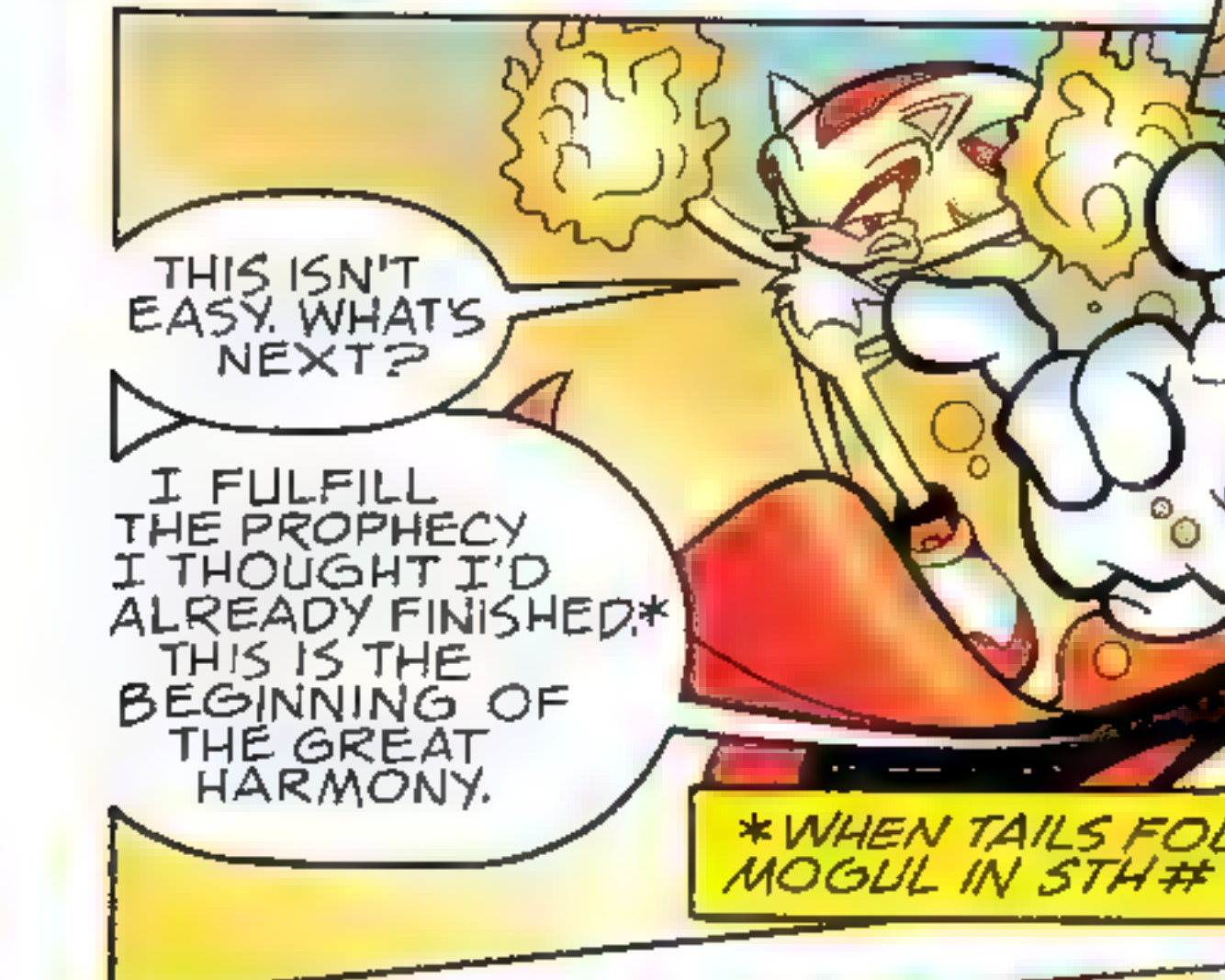


Tails and Sonic are standing on a ledge, looking down at a chaotic scene below. Tails is on the left, wearing his signature red and white overalls, and Sonic is on the right, wearing his red and white sneakers and a red cape. They are both looking down with expressions of concern.

CAN YOU
OPEN A PORTAL
TO THE NEAREST
ZONE? NOT
ANOTHER
DIMENSION
ENTIRELY,
BUT...

I
UNDERSTAND,
CHAOS...

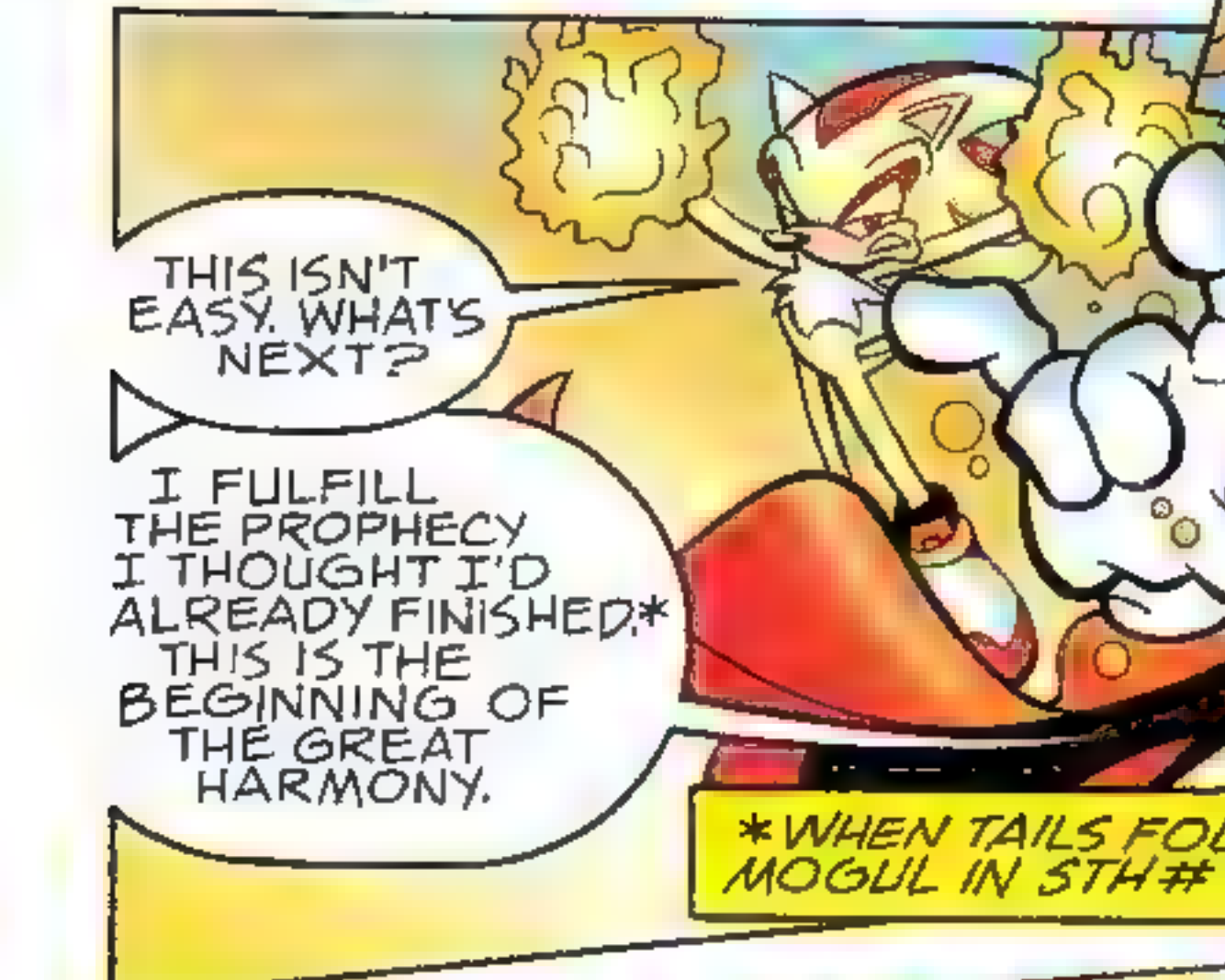
...CONTROL!

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THIS ISN'T
EASY. WHAT'S
NEXT?

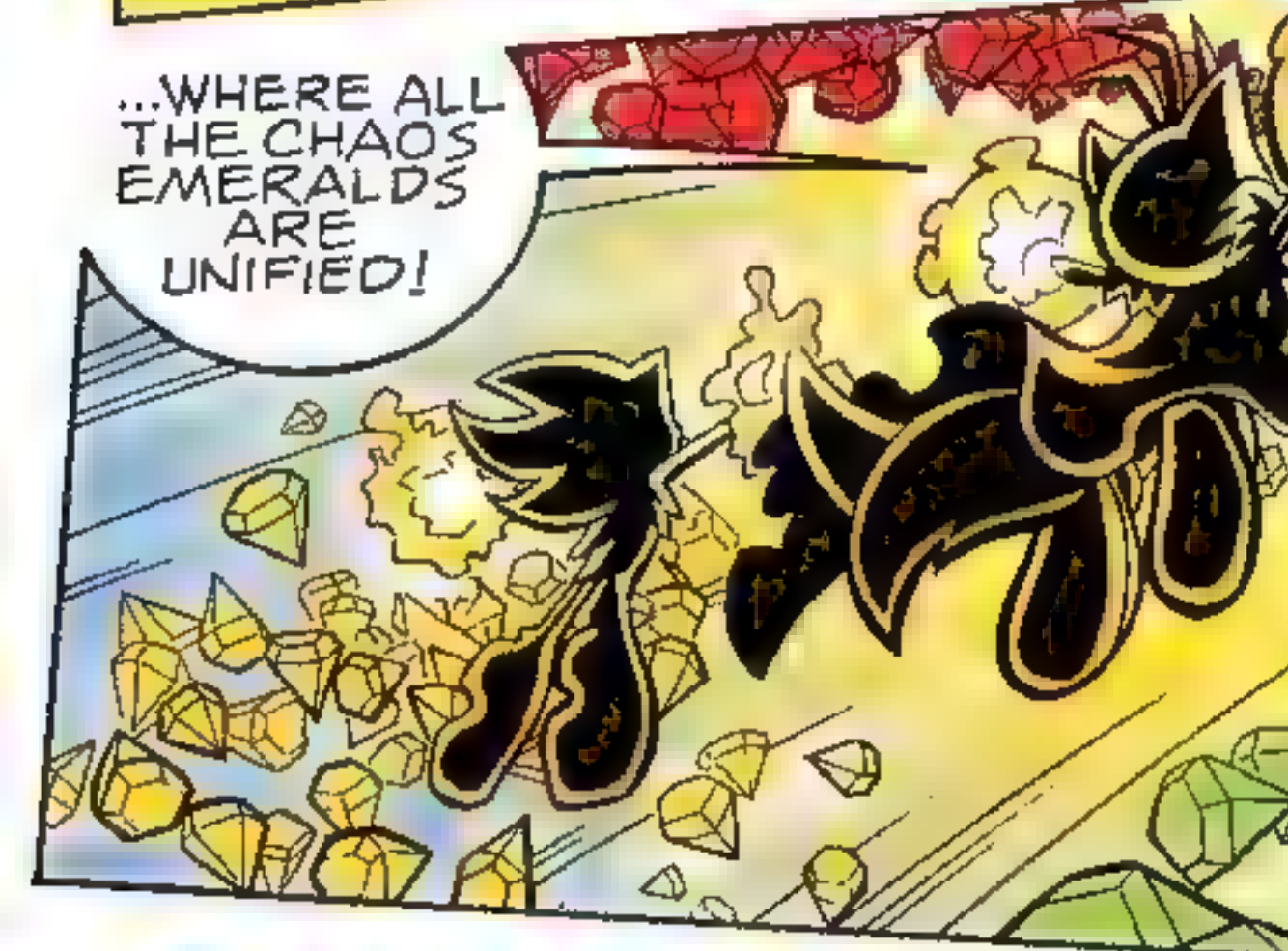
I FULFILL
THE PROPHECY
I THOUGHT I'D
ALREADY FINISHED.*
THIS IS THE
BEGINNING OF
THE GREAT
HARMONY.

*WHEN TAILS FOUGHT
MOGUL IN 5TH # 150.

Tails and Sonic are looking down at a chaotic scene below. Tails is on the left, wearing his signature red and white overalls, and Sonic is on the right, wearing his red and white sneakers and a red cape. They are both looking down with expressions of concern.

THE ZONE
OF SILENCE.

WHY DO WE
ALWAYS END UP
WITH THE ZONE
OF SILENCE?

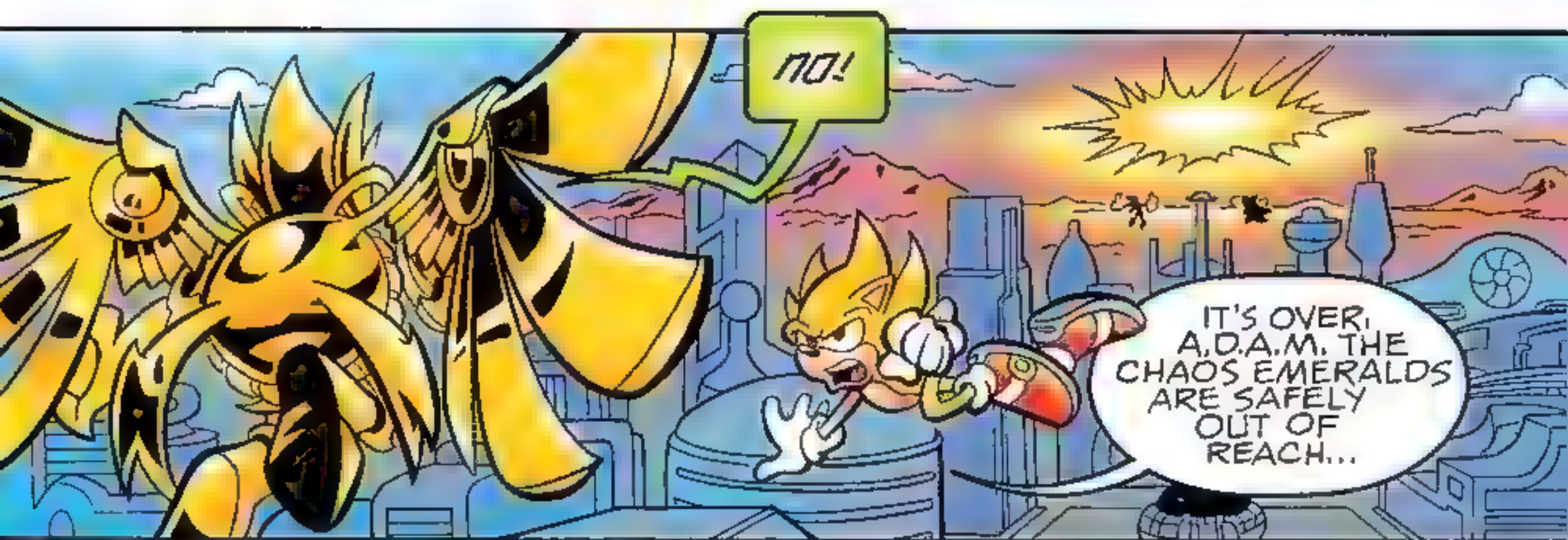
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...WHERE ALL
THE CHAOS
EMERALDS
ARE
UNIFIED!

Tails and Sonic are looking down at a chaotic scene below. Tails is on the left, wearing his signature red and white overalls, and Sonic is on the right, wearing his red and white sneakers and a red cape. They are both looking down with expressions of concern.

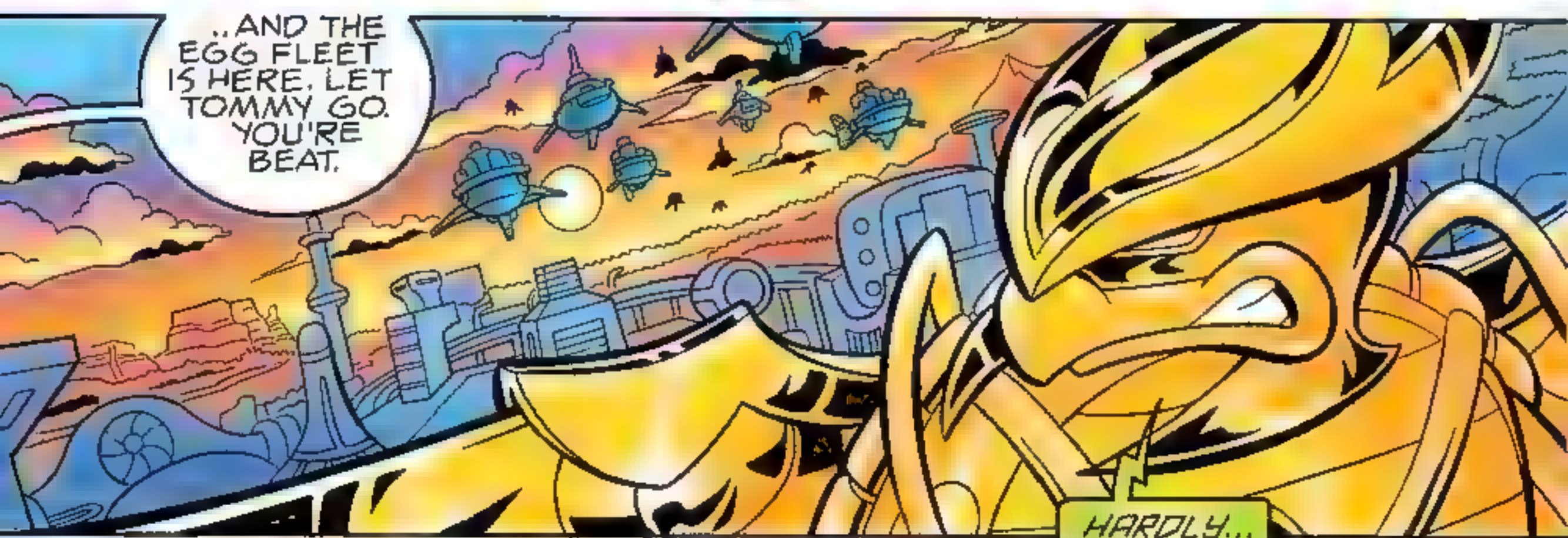
WHAT WILL
HAPPEN WITH
ALL THAT
ENERGY IN
SUCH AN
UNSTABLE
ZONE?

SOME-
THING
SPECIAL,
I HOPE.



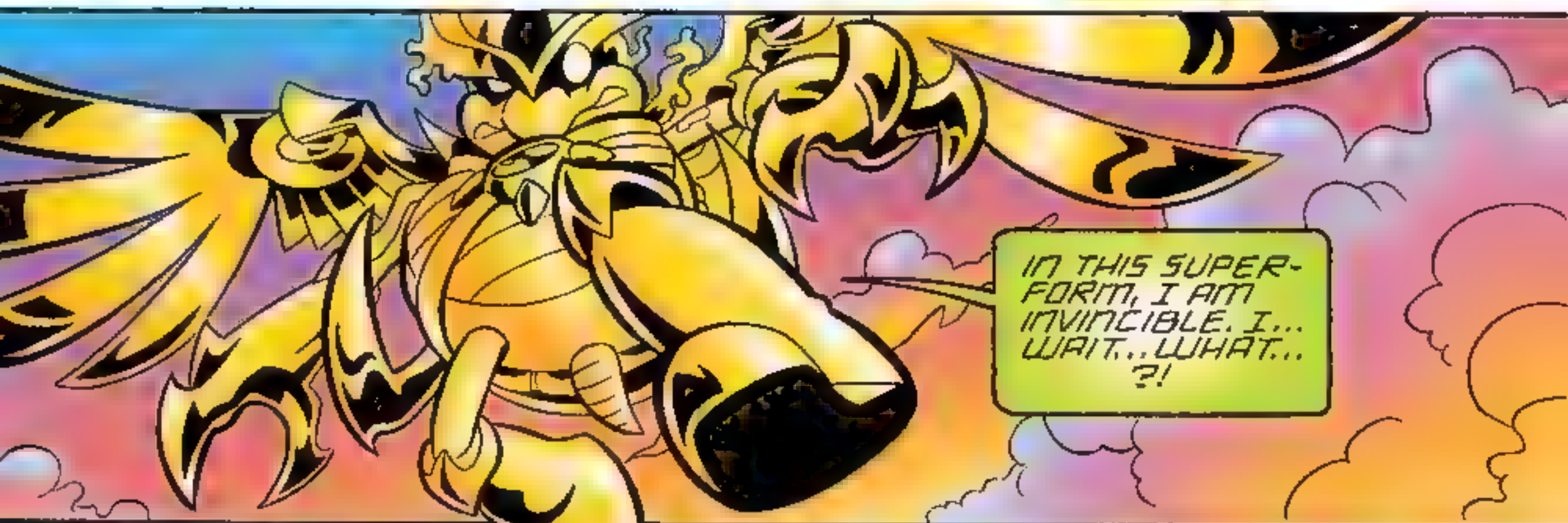
NO!

IT'S OVER,
A.D.A.M. THE
CHAOS EMERALDS
ARE SAFELY
OUT OF
REACH...

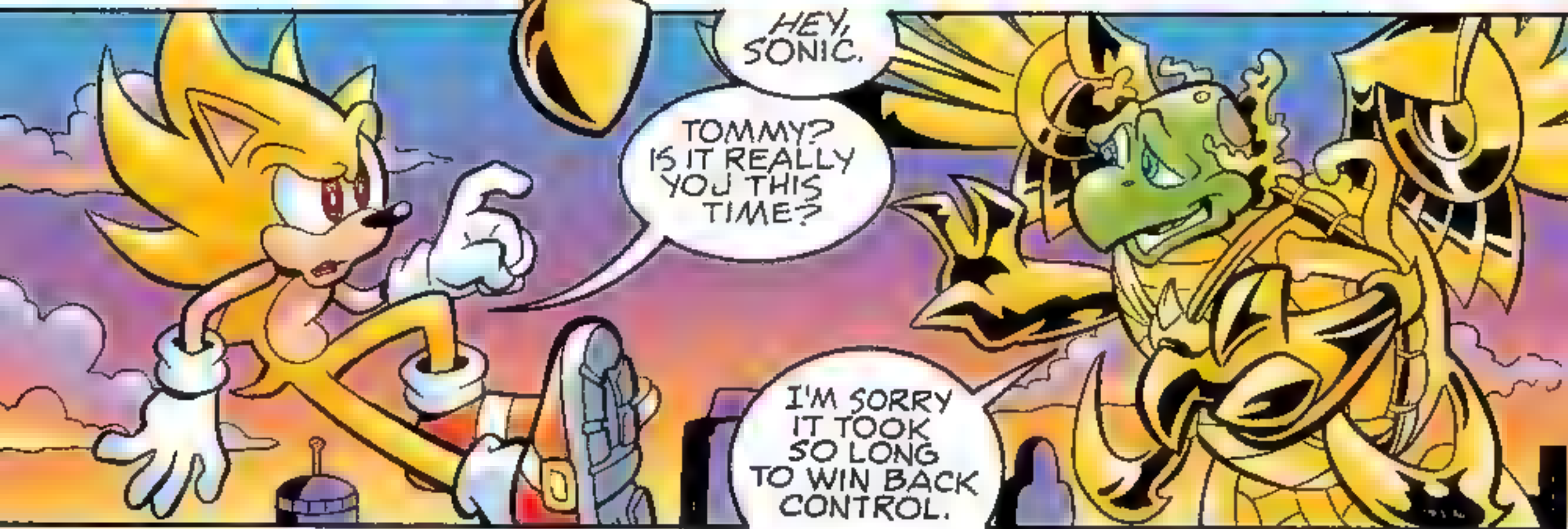


...AND THE
EGG FLEET
IS HERE. LET
TOMMY GO.
YOU'RE
BEAT.

HARDLY...



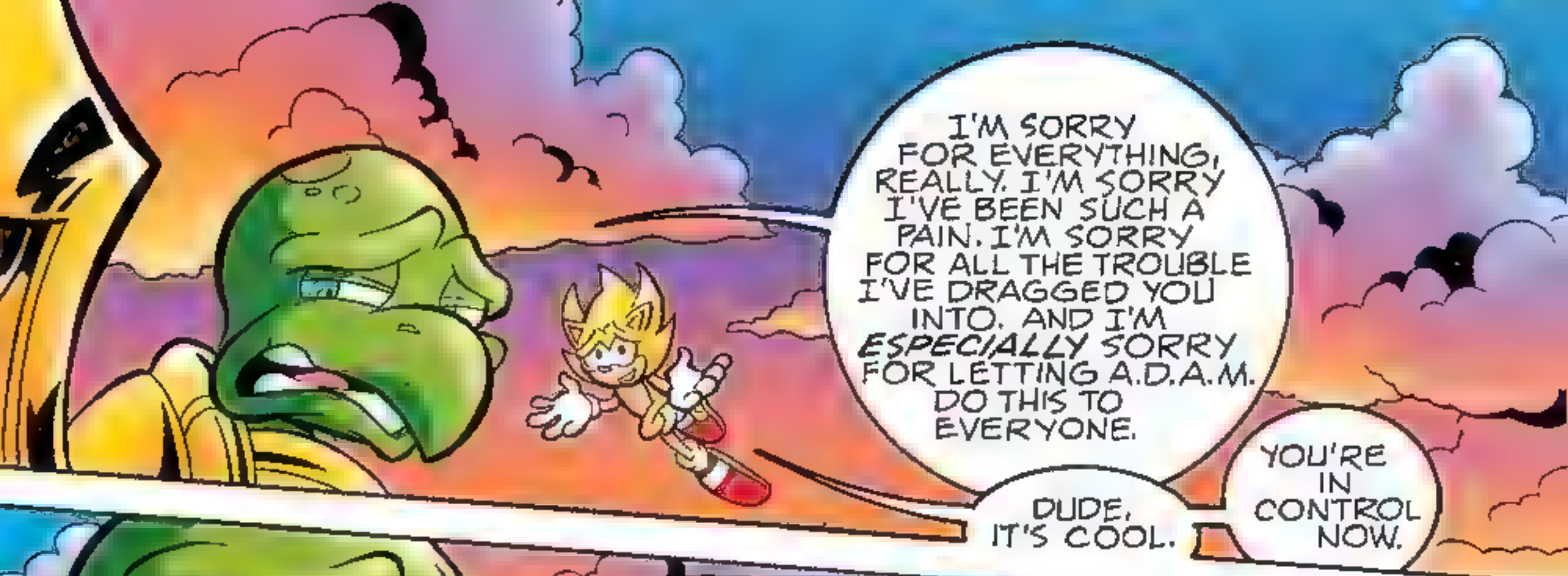
IN THIS SUPER-
FORM, I AM
INVINCIBLE. I...
WAIT... WHAT...
?!



HEY,
SONIC.

TOMMY?
IS IT REALLY
YOU THIS
TIME?

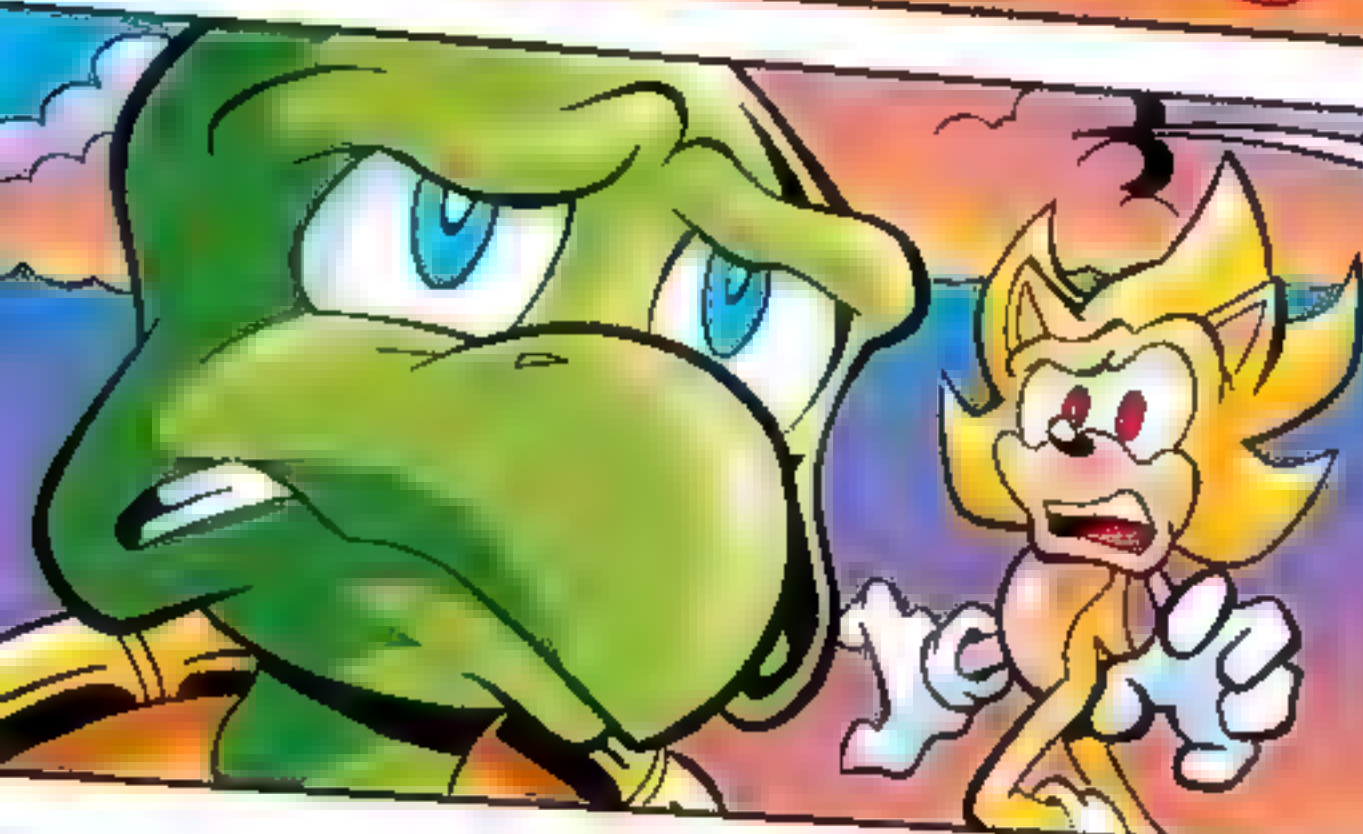
I'M SORRY
IT TOOK
SO LONG
TO WIN BACK
CONTROL.



I'M SORRY FOR EVERYTHING, REALLY. I'M SORRY I'VE BEEN SUCH A PAIN. I'M SORRY FOR ALL THE TROUBLE I'VE DRAGGED YOU INTO. AND I'M *ESPECIALLY* SORRY FOR LETTING A.D.A.M. DO THIS TO EVERYONE.

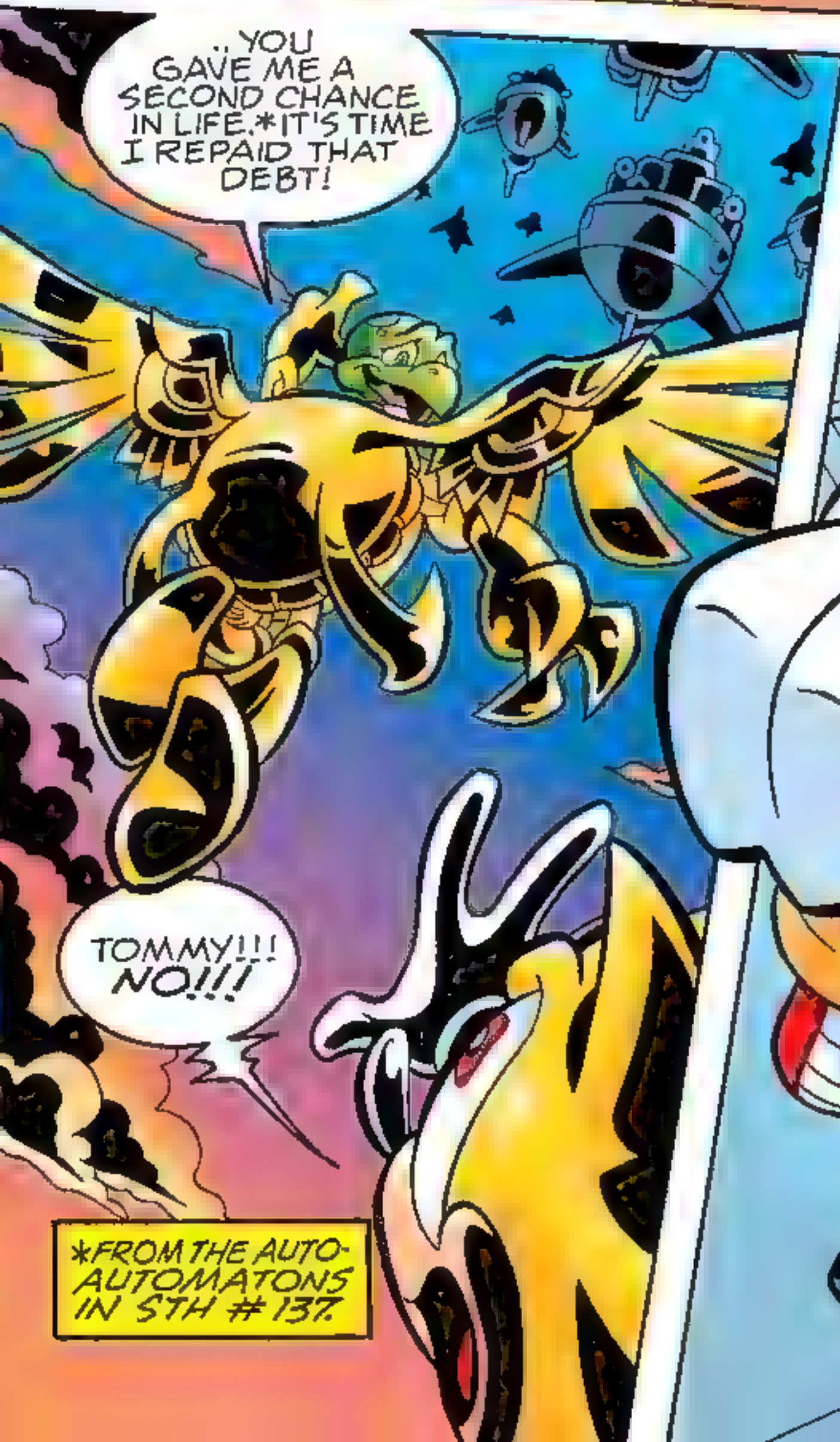
DUDE, IT'S COOL.

YOU'RE IN CONTROL NOW.



NO, I'M NOT. A.D.A.M. WILL WIN BACK CONTROL ANY MINUTE NOW, AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET IT BACK. A.D.A.M. MUST BE DESTROYED SO THAT EVERYONE WILL BE CURED OF THEIR NANITE INFECTIONS.

I'M SORRY, SONIC...



..YOU GAVE ME A SECOND CHANCE IN LIFE.*IT'S TIME I REPAID THAT DEBT!

TOMMY!!! NO!!!

*FROM THE AUTO-AUTOMATONS IN STH # 137.



DOCTOR EGGMAN TO EGG FLEET!

ALL CANNONS--

FIRE!

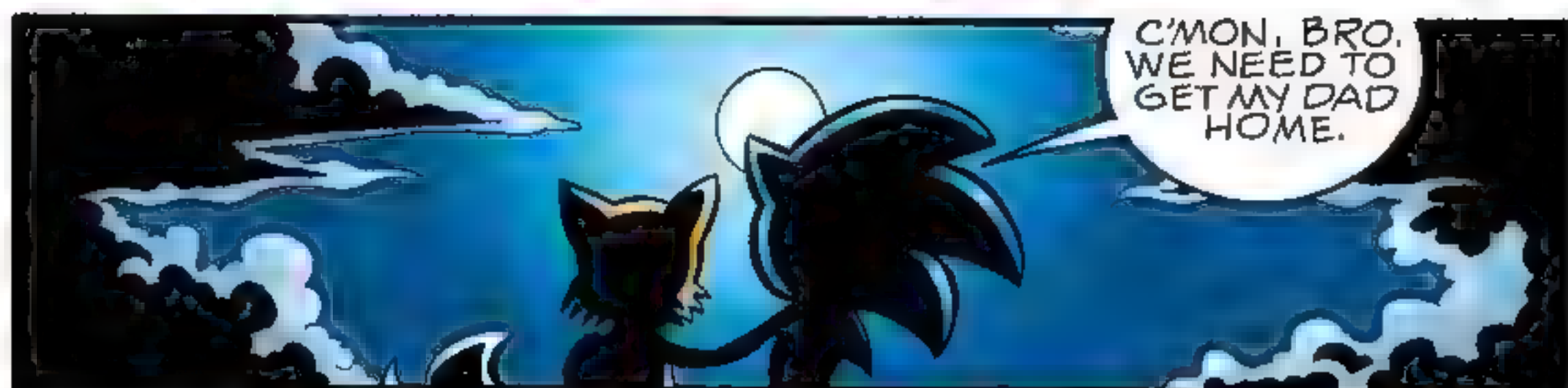
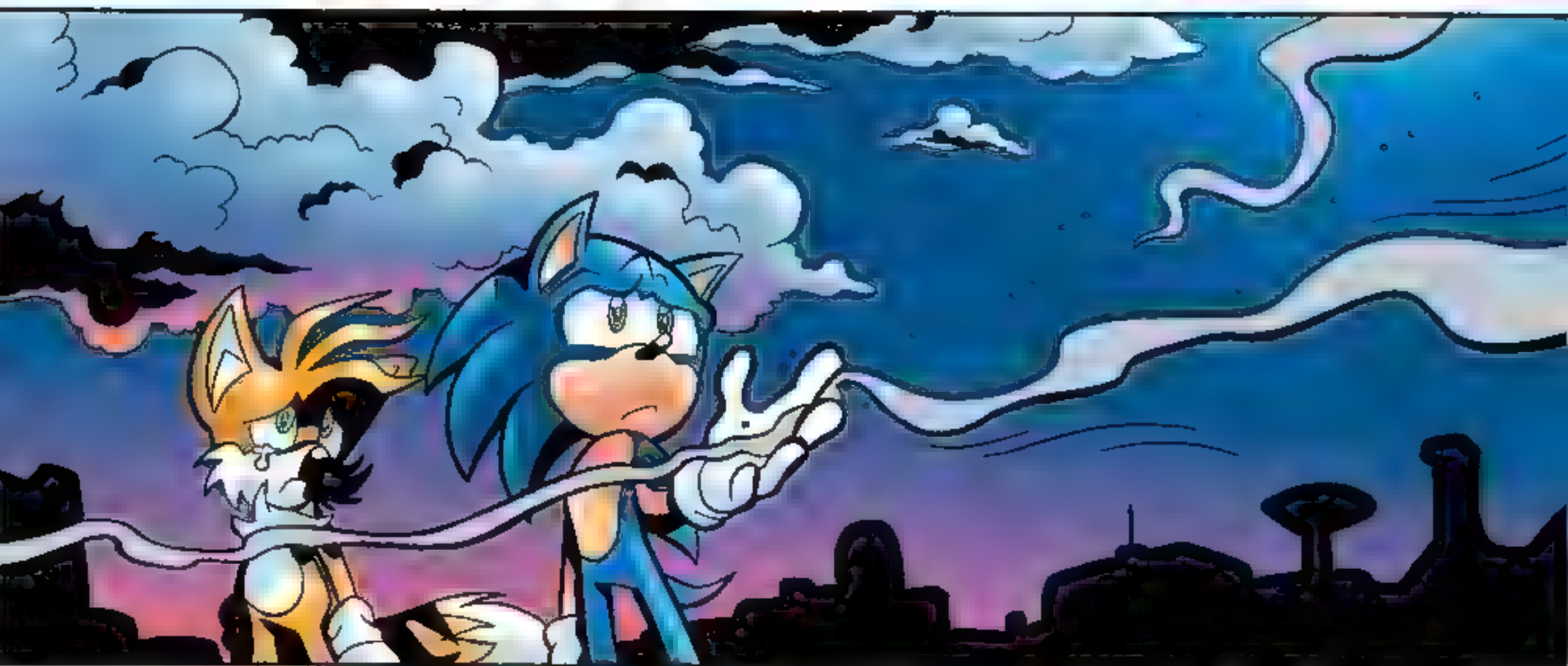
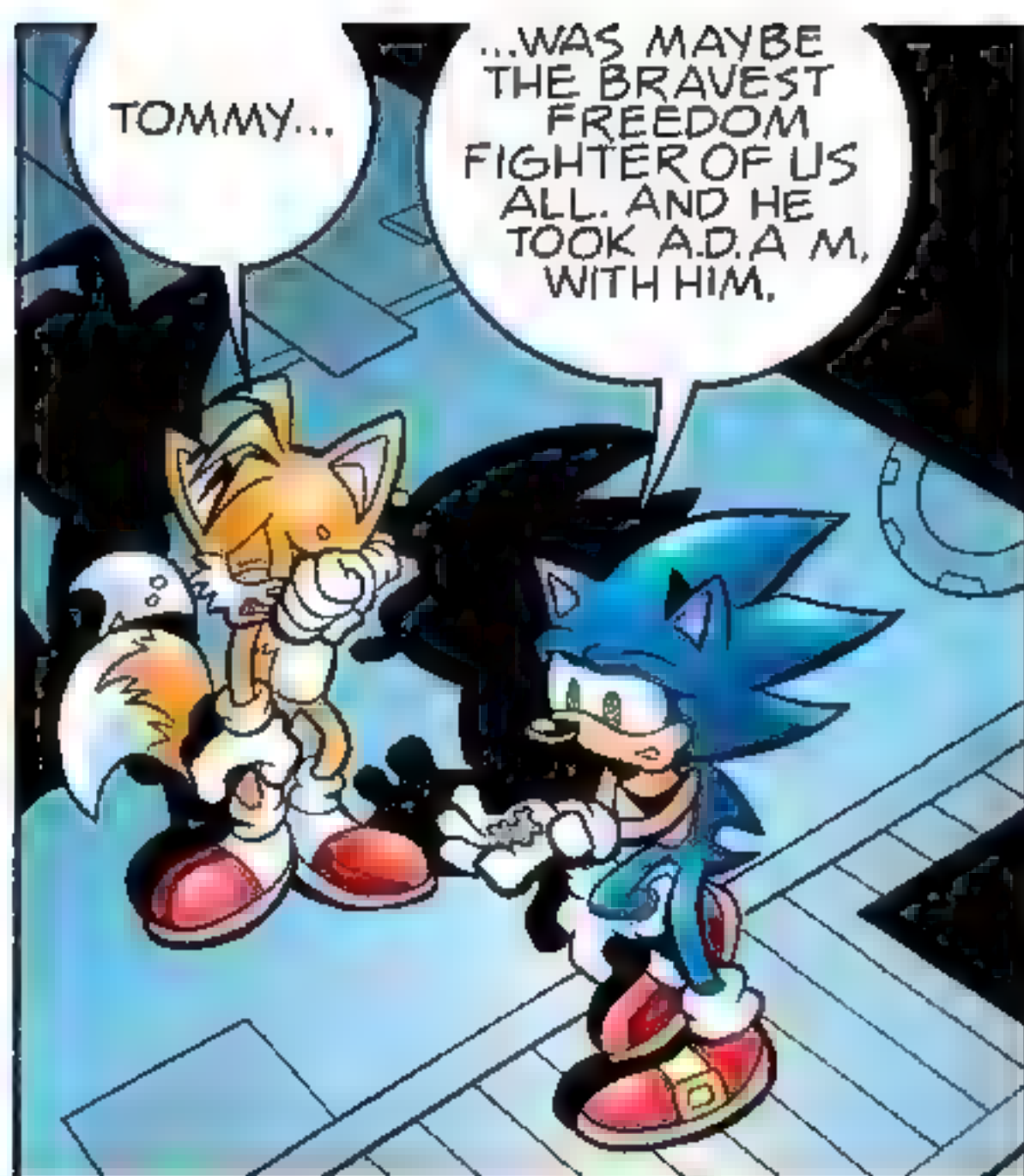
KRA-KOOM

TOMMY!!!

...TOMMY...

SO MUCH
FOR FAMILY.
WHAT A COLOSSAL
WASTE OF TIME.
AND I MISSED
OUT ON A
LITERAL TON
OF CHAOS
EMERALDS.

COME
ALONG,
SHADOW...
WE'RE
DONE
NOW.



END

-Story Mode-
Select A Story

JAMAL PEPPERS



As I write this, it was exactly three years ago to the day that I turned in my first work for "Sonic the Hedgehog." I started reading the Sonic the Hedgehog comics a few years before I was hired to work on the series. Jon Gray was the penciller at the time and I was a big fan of his work on the book. There's so much life and energy in the way he draws the characters and that's not always easy with a book like Sonic the Hedgehog, which has such a large cast of characters. That large cast was part of what had drawn me to the series because it reminded me of the superhero team comics I loved as a child. Sonic the Hedgehog has all of the action and drama of those superhero comics and it's fun, too.

One of my favorite Sonic stories was the Silver Saga in Sonic Universe #25-28. I first heard about the Silver Saga story while visiting the Archie Comics office. Paul Kaminski, the editor of the Sonic books, told me what Ian Flynn had been working on for Silver's Sonic Universe arc and it blew me away. When I finally read the Silver Saga it more than lived up to the story Paul told me months earlier. The thrilling story and amazing art of the Silver Saga make it a highlight of both Sonic series' – but what makes it even more special for me is that I got to draw the prelude to the story called "Future Tense."

While "Future Tense" provides the back story for Silver's appearance in the "Family Matters" storyline it also sets the stage for the "Silver Saga." It was a lot of fun to draw and I hope it was as much fun to read for everyone who loves Silver and the rest of the Sonic cast.

Jamal Peppers

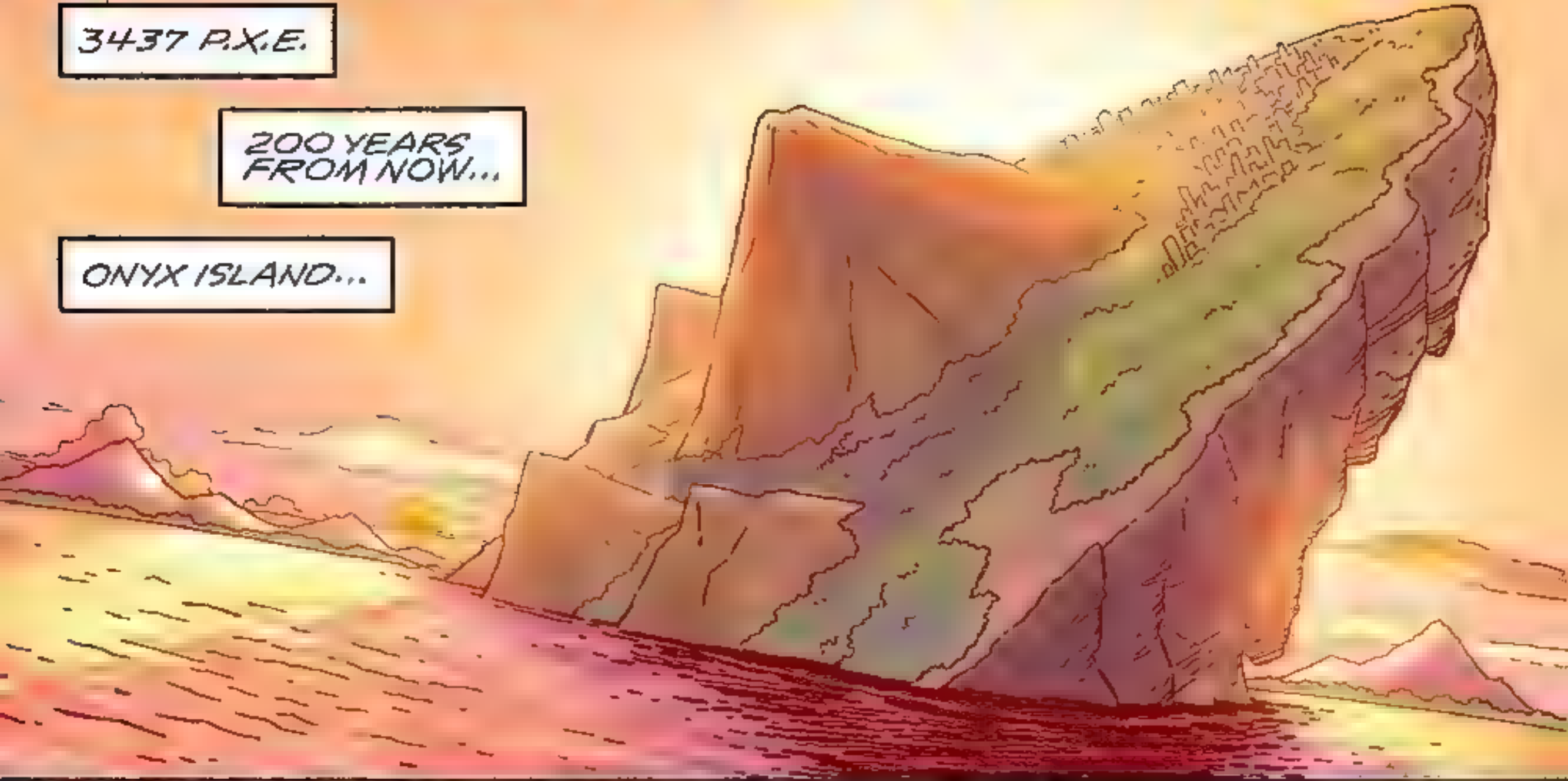
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FUTURE TENSE

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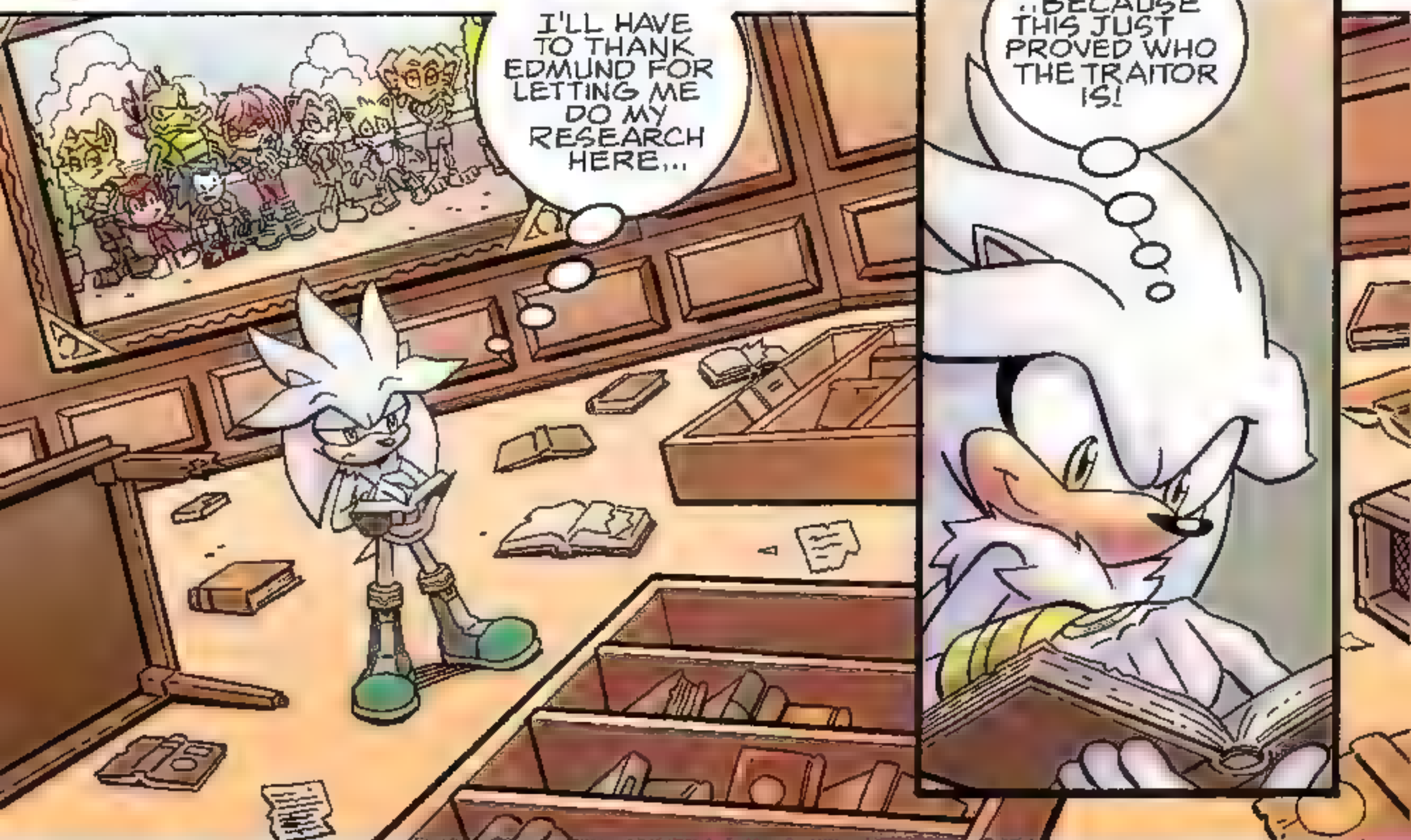
200 YEARS
FROM NOW...

ONYX ISLAND...

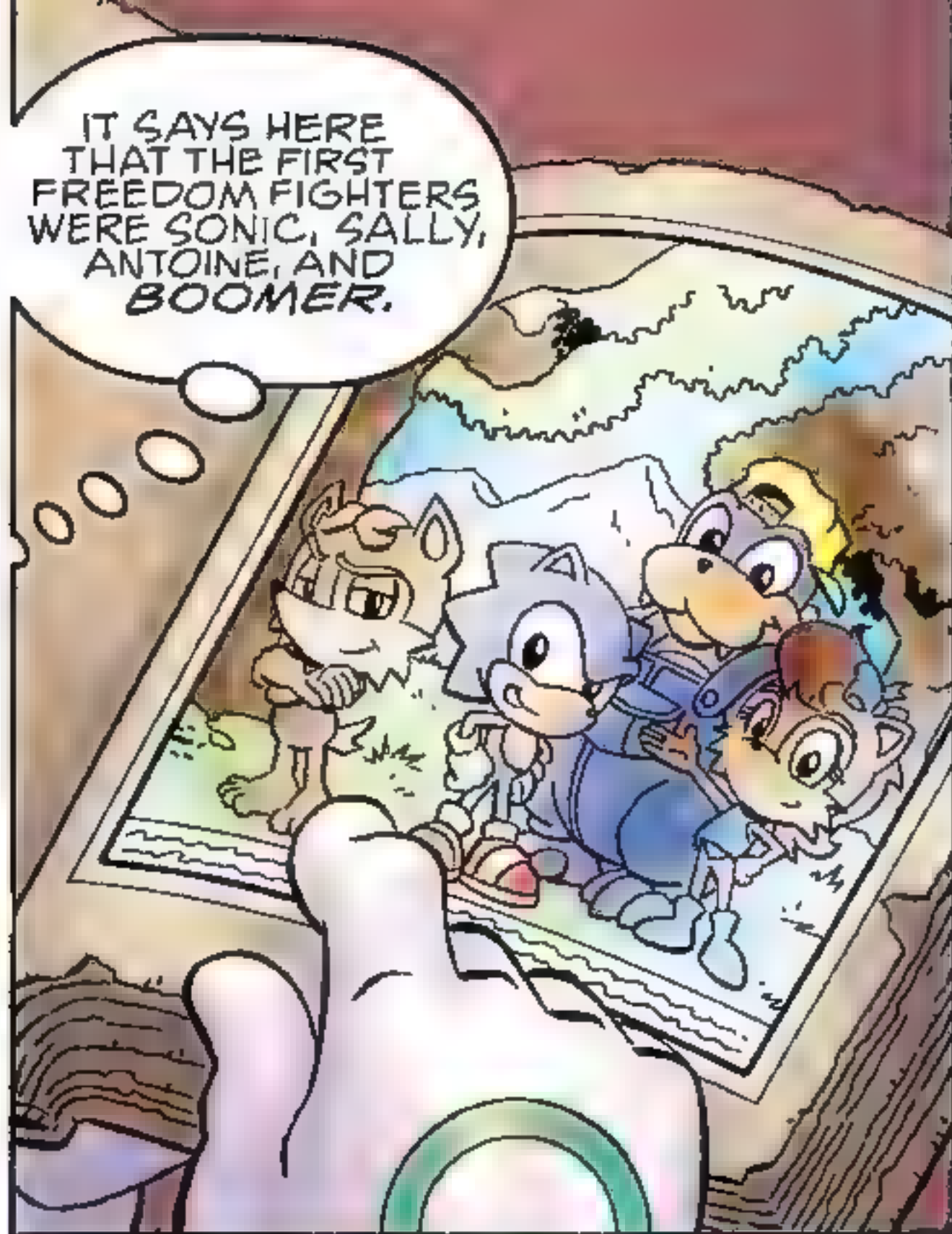


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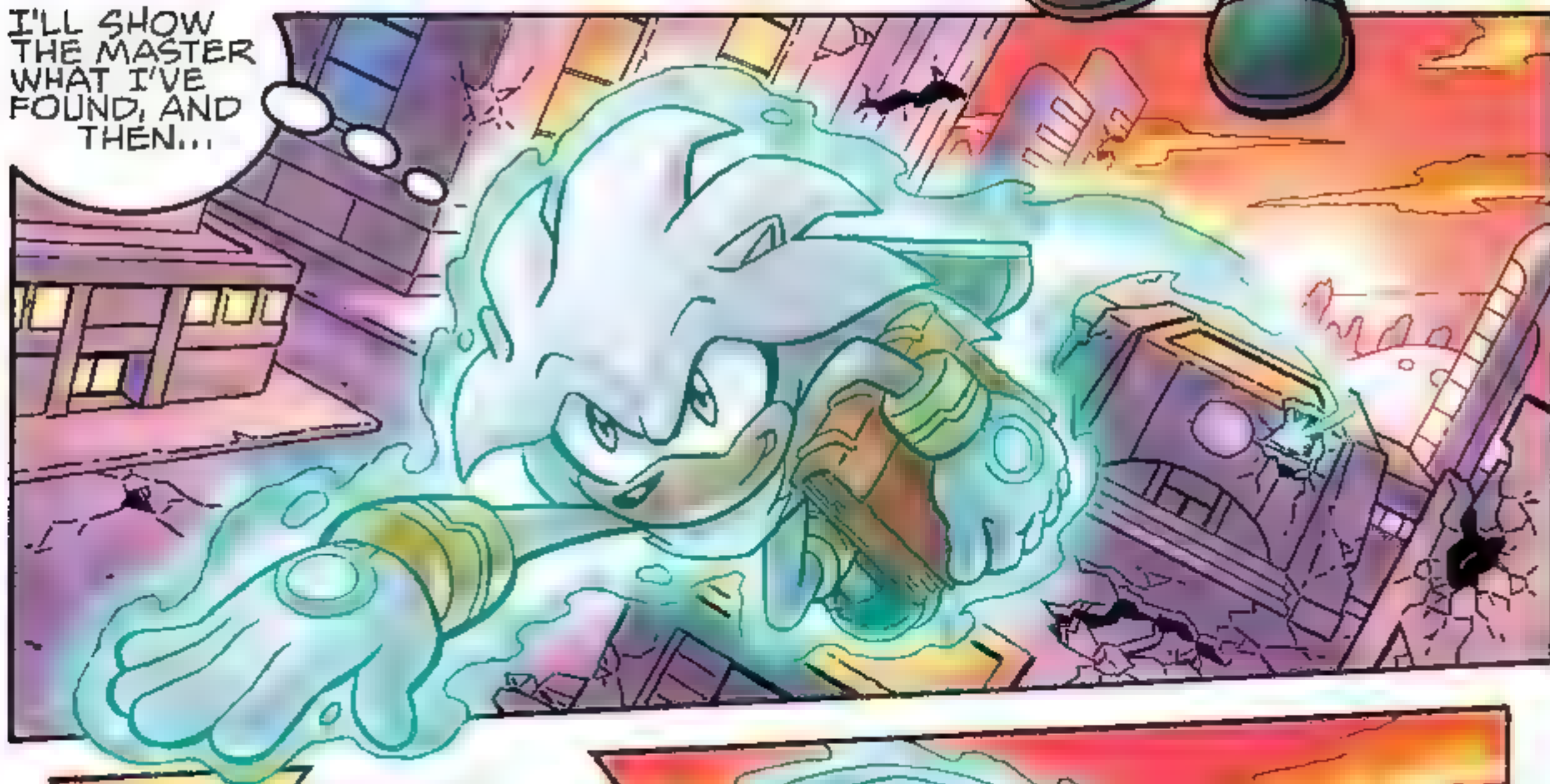
IT SAYS HERE
THAT THE FIRST
FREEDOM FIGHTERS
WERE SONIC, SALLY,
ANTOINE, AND
BOOMER.



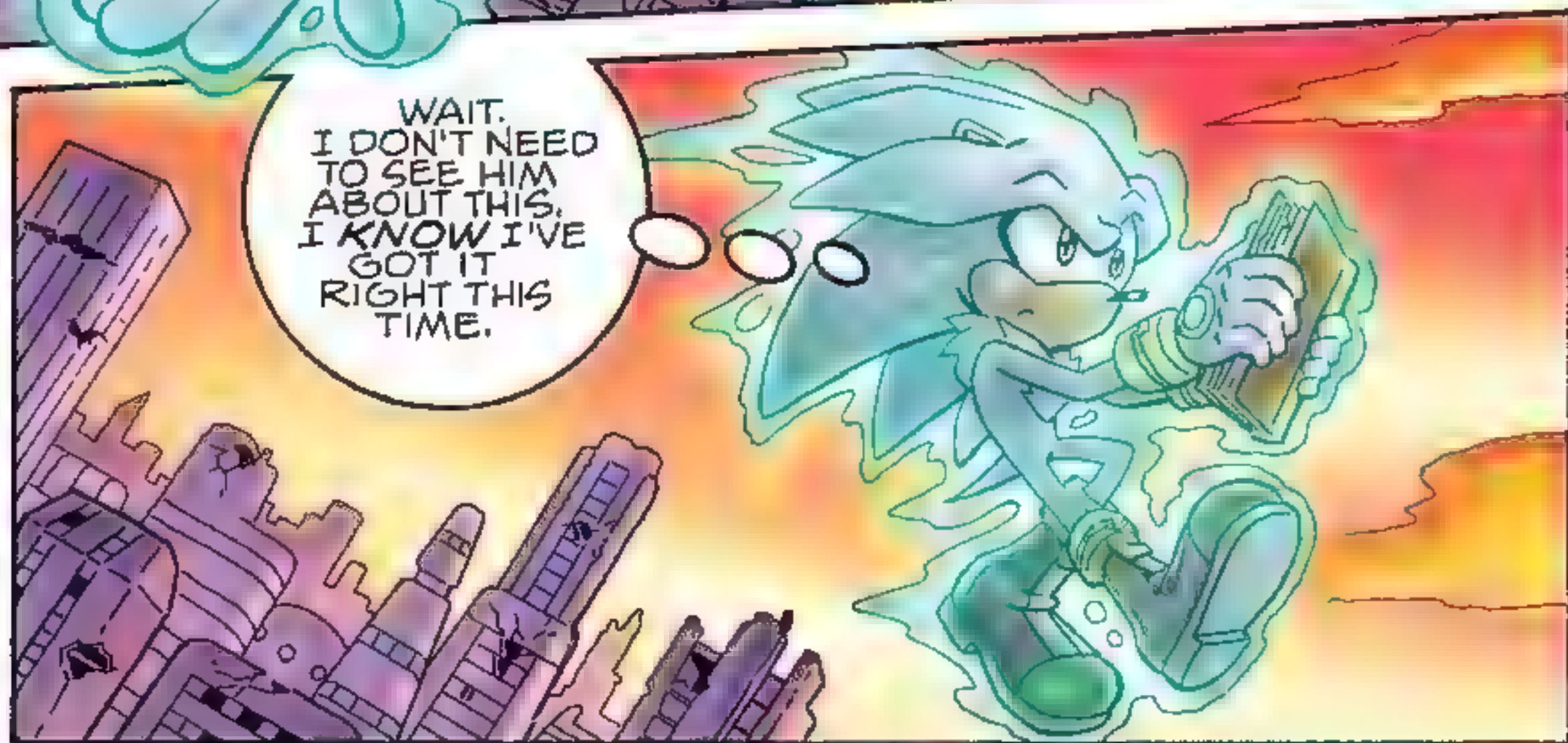
WHOEVER
THIS "ROTOR"
GUY IS, HE
MUST HAVE TAKEN
BOOMER'S PLACE
AND SOMEHOW
GONE UN-
DETECTED.



I'LL SHOW
THE MASTER
WHAT I'VE
FOUND, AND
THEN...



WAIT.
I DON'T NEED
TO SEE HIM
ABOUT THIS.
I **KNOW** I'VE
GOT IT
RIGHT THIS
TIME.





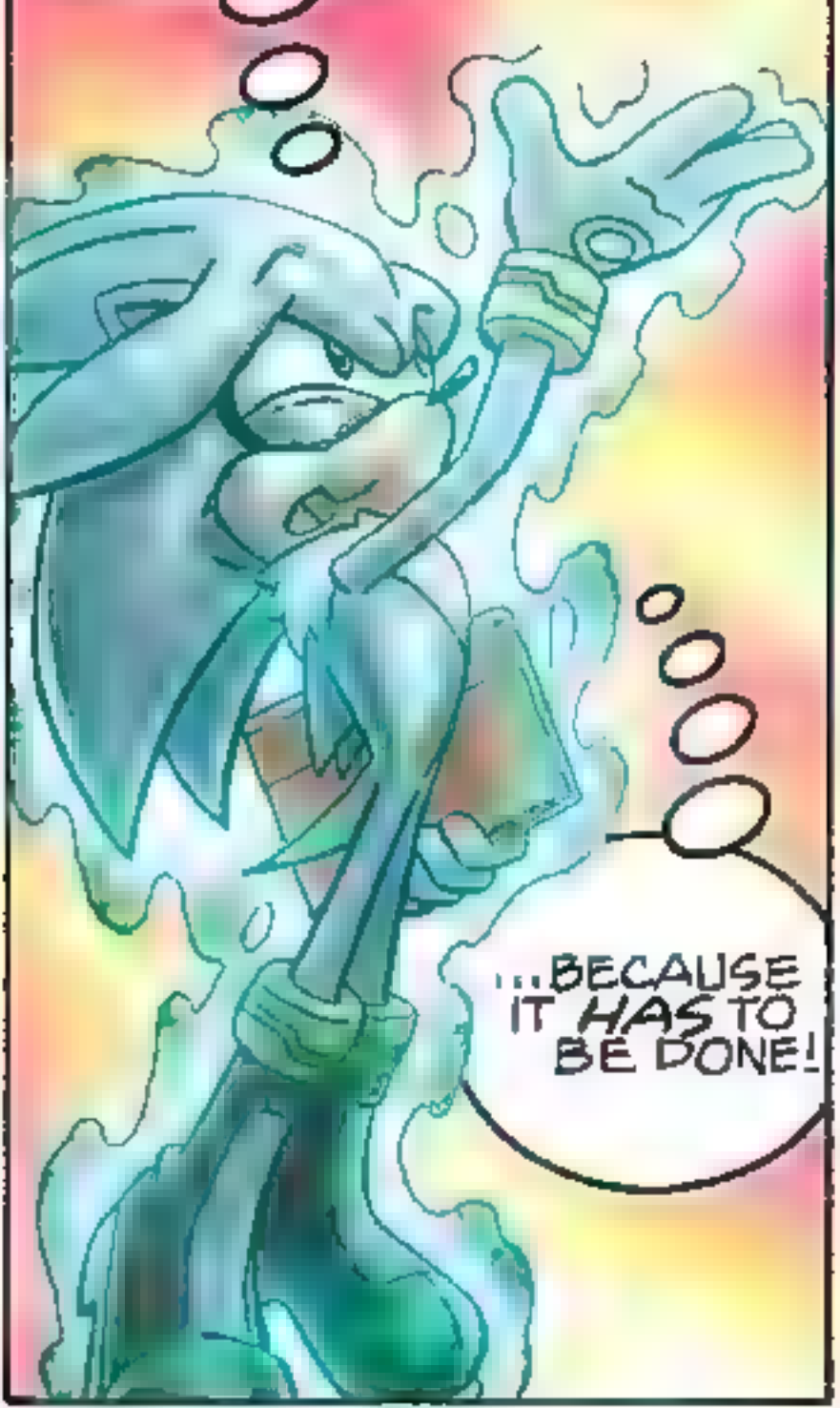
I'LL
HANDLE
THIS ALL
BY MY-
SELF.

"AND NO SUPER
WARP RING THIS
TIME. I'M CON-
FIDENT IN USING
THE POWER OF
THE TIME
STONES NOW."

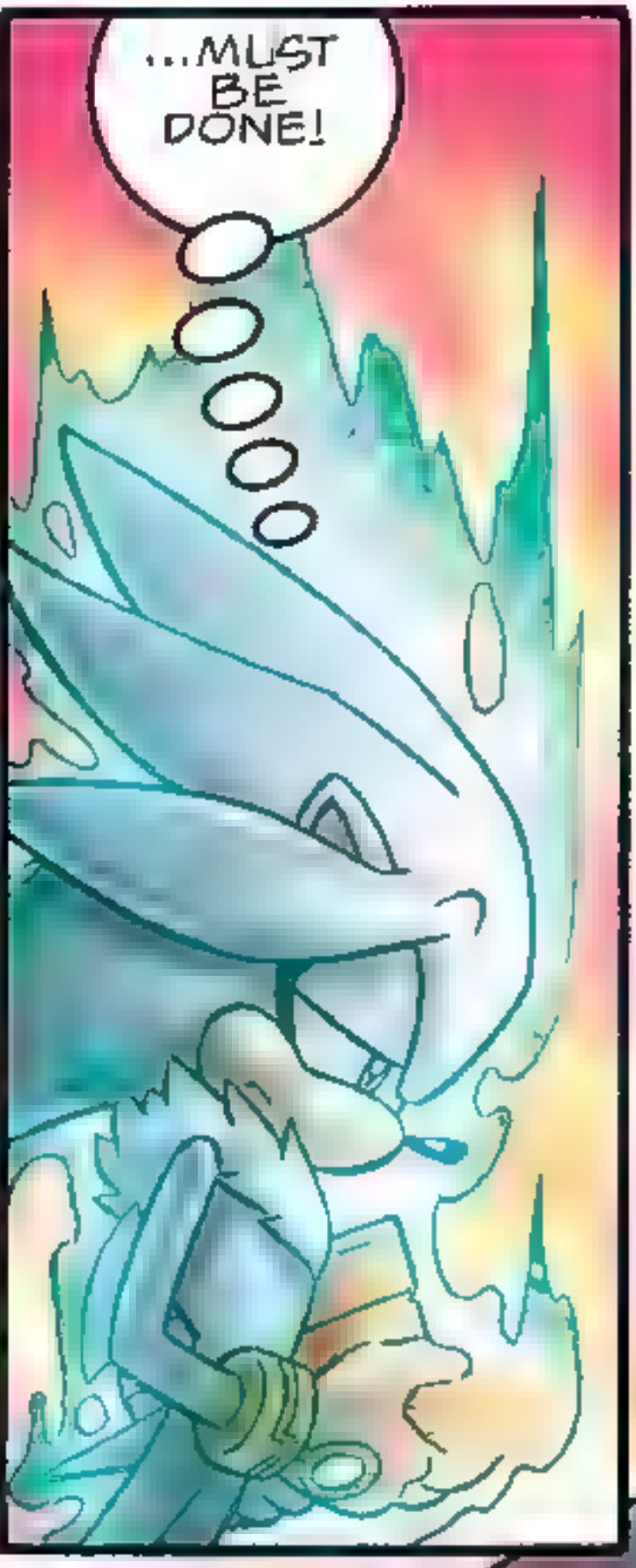
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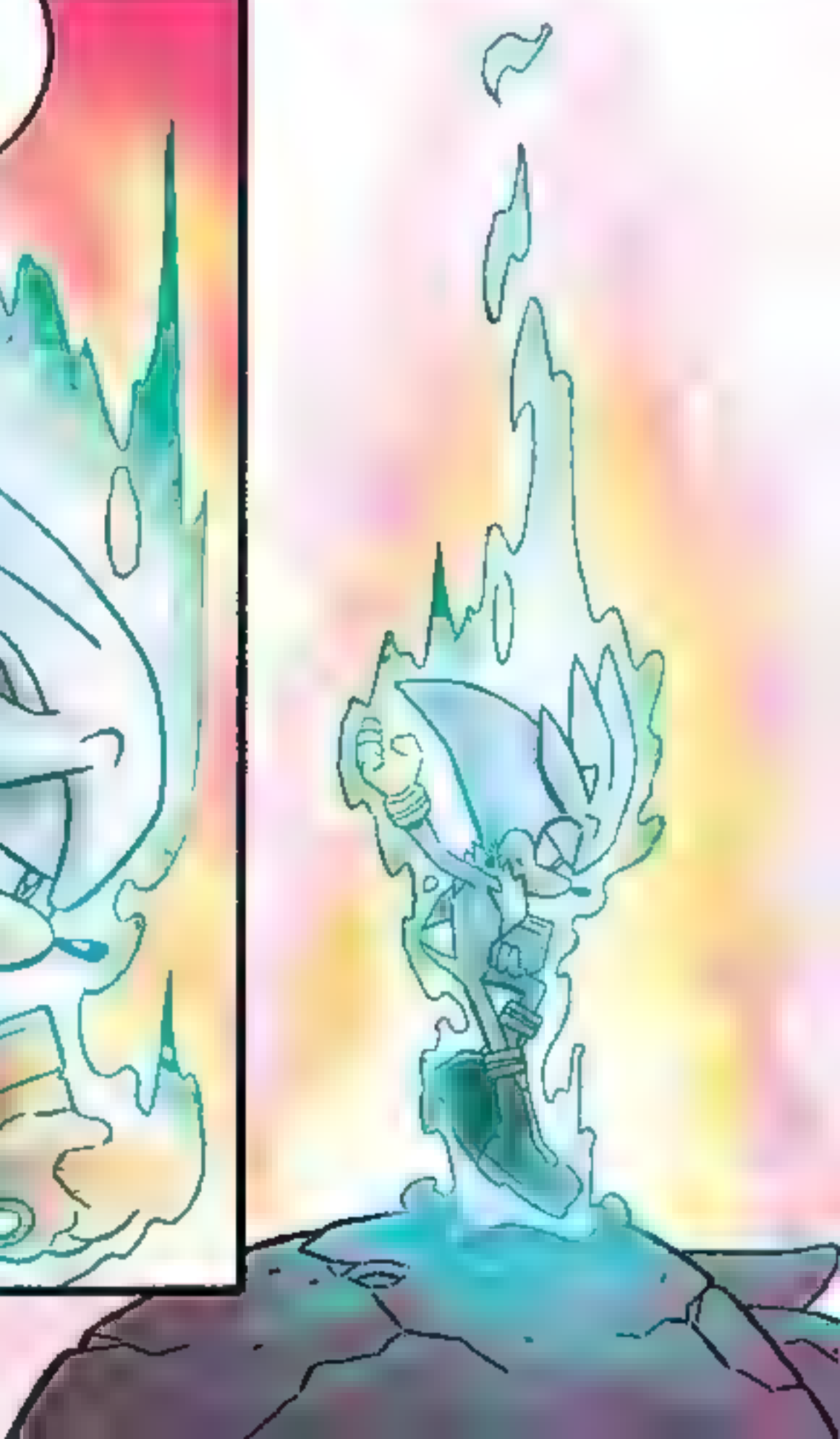
NOW! TO
GO BACK AND
...DESTROY...
THE TRAITOR!



...BECAUSE
IT HAS TO
BE DONE!



...MUST
BE
DONE!



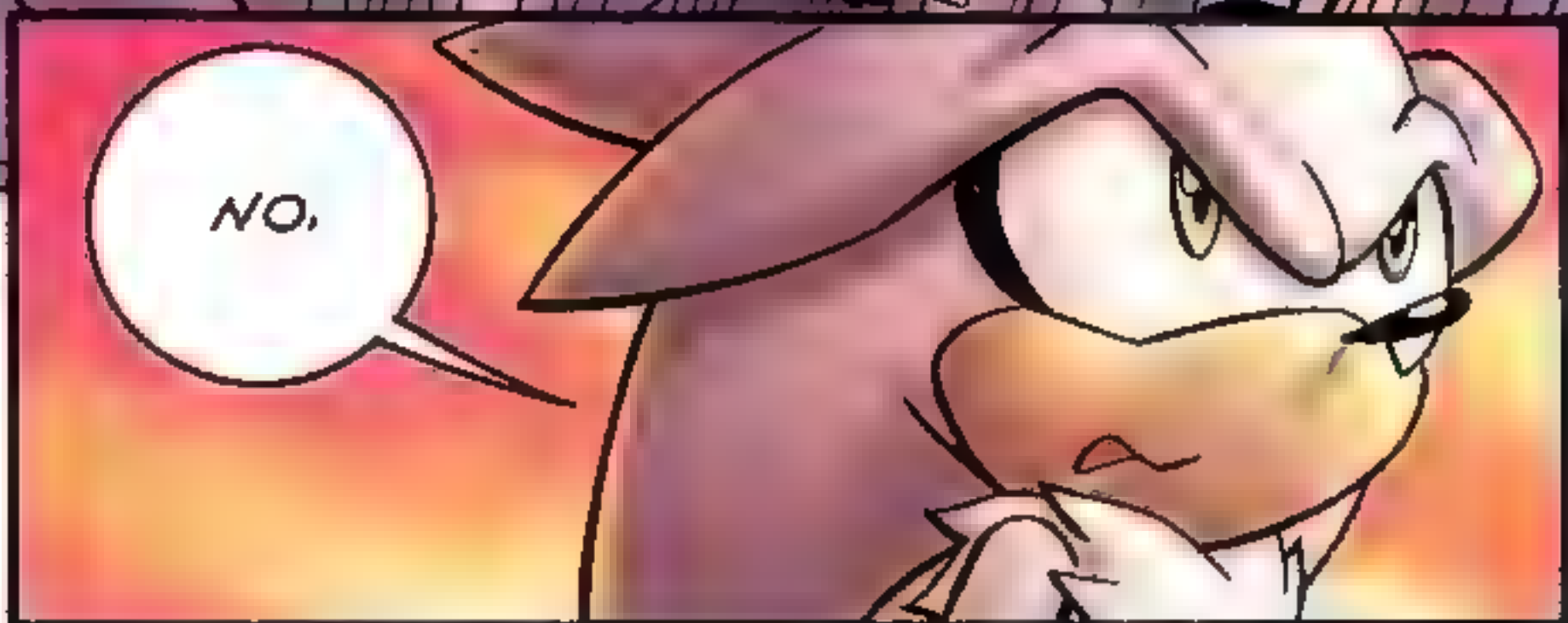
ARGH,
CAN I REALLY
GO THAT FAR?
CAN I REALLY
JUST **DESTROY**
SOMEONE FOR
A CRIME
THEY HAVEN'T
COMMITTED
YET?



MAYBE
...MAYBE I'LL
JUST **TALK**
TO HIM...
CONVINCE
HIM NOT
TO...



NO.





HE DID
THIS TO HIS
FUTURE.



HE
DID
THIS
TO MY
PAST.



I'LL SAVE
BOTH OUR
TIMES AND
BOTH OUR
WORLDS!
**CHRONOS
CONTROL!**



**BRN-
DING**

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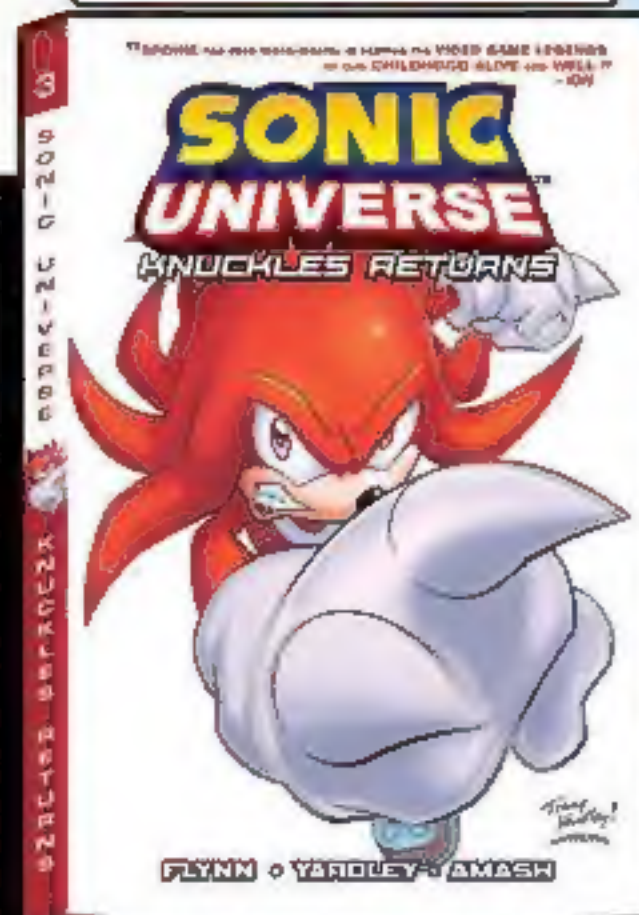
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